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REPORTED PICKET OUTRAGE.

TWO EUROPEAN SERGEANTS MADE CAPTIVE.

TROOPS DESPATCHED.

News of a sensational incident on the Chinese-British border of the New Territories is to hand to-day, this being the reported seizure of a motor boat belonging to the Hongkong Police Force together with the detention of two European police officers, four Chinese members of the crew and an Indian Guard.

We are not at present in a position to give an official version of the incident and, accordingly, the information given below must, at the moment, be subject to possible variation or amplification as further details come to light.

Whatever the exact facts may be, the affair is regarded as sufficiently serious to warrant the dispatch of an armed force to the border.

BOAT ASHORE.

From reports which have reached us it appears that yesterday afternoon the motor boat, which is attached to the Lok Ma Chau police station for patrol duty on the Shum Chun River, had the misfortune to go ashore on the Chinese bank. The river is in flood and its true course is difficult to distinguish, this fact no doubt accounting for the mishap. Aboard the boat were

L/Sgt. Thomas H. Hughes,
L/Sgt. William Ryan,
One Indian Guard,
One Chinese coxswain,
One Chinese engineer,
Two Chinese seamen.

Both the European Sergeants have been stationed at Lok Ma Chau for some time and we understand that L/Sgt. Hughes speaks Chinese fluently.

Apparently, after the boat went ashore, Chinese boycott pickets appeared on the scene. This was at about six o'clock. Evidently, the boat was seized by the pickets who also took into custody the whole of the personnel on board. At any rate, no news has since been received of the party, whilst no trace has been found of the motor boat.

News of the incident was received in the Colony early this morning and has already gained wide currency, being the subject of much comment.

SURREYS LEAVE.

At 12.30 p.m. to-day a detachment of over 100 officers and men of the East Surrey Regiment entrained at Kowloon Railway Station for Shumchun. Under the command of Major J. F. Drake and four other officers, together with a Staff Officer, the troops were fully equipped and provisioned. On the platform prior to the train's departure, were the Acting General Officer Commanding (Lieut.-Col. F. S. Montague-Bates, D.S.O.), several military officers and Mr. D. Burlingham, A. S. P.

After investigations have been made and the facts fully established, the Government will most likely issue an official communique.

LORD WILLINGDON.

FURTHER HONOURED BY KING.

London, July 20.
The Gazette announces that H.M. the King has appointed Lord Willingdon as Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—*Reuter.*

COURT BESEIGED IN CANTON.

UNION MEN RESENT DELAY.

A STIRRING INCIDENT.

A few days ago the Higher Court in Canton was surrounded by over 2,000 men belonging to various Unions, clamouring for redress, with the result that no one could go in or out of the Court. It is said that such a state of affairs has never happened before in Canton.

In this case, it is stated that exactly a year ago, an open conflict between the Flour and Restaurant Unions took place, with the result that three of the Flour Union men were killed and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Restaurant Union were arrested. For one whole year these two men have not been tried, so on the day of the first anniversary of this incident, the Union men besieged the Higher Court, demanding that the two alleged murderers be tried and judgment passed within twenty-four hours.

The Procurator appeared on the scene and gave an explanation why the case had been delayed and promised that it should be tried and settled within one month from date.

Owing to a certain remark in the speech of explanation by the Procurator, which was considered to be derogatory to the dignity of labour, the rowdy elements endeavoured to create an uproar, but the more reasonable men present prevailed over the minority, and the crowd dispersed without further incident.

NEW TYPHOON.

WARNING SIGNAL HOISTED.

Following in the wake of the typhoon which caused the terrific downpour of Sunday night, a new typhoon of unknown intensity is threatening the Colony, and shortly after noon to-day, the No. 1 warning signal was hoisted.

The latest information regarding its position, places the typhoon within 80 miles of Latitude 20.5 N., and Longitude 120 E., moving W.N.W.

The Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.71 inch, making a total since January 1st of 61.73, against an average of 47.05 inches.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—Light, variable winds, possibly increasing to a gale from the N. E. or N. W. fine at first, rain later.

CHOLERA IN CANTON.

A VIRULENT OUTBREAK.

Cholera is reported to be increasing in an alarming manner in Canton and especially in Honan, where many deaths have been reported.

The Sanitary Department is taking stringent measures to combat the epidemic which is said to be of a virulent type, most victims dying in a few hours. The well-known Fong Ben Hospital is taxed to its utmost. This hospital has always depended on annual subscriptions for its upkeep, but since the strike and boycott it is said that the subscriptions have fallen off to a marked extent.

HEAT WAVE.

TWENTY-FIVE DEATHS IN CHICAGO.

New York, July 20.
The sporadic heat wave of the past fortnight has reached its apex and the Middle West is sweltering under cloudless skies and a blazing sun. The temperature is over 100. Twenty-five have died of heat stroke in Chicago.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LABOUR DISPUTE.

CANTON LEADER KIDNAPPED.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

The labour dispute in Canton, to which we referred the other day, assumed a more serious aspect last Monday, when some 200 workers belonging to the Workers' Conference of the Kuomintang arrested one of the leaders of the Central Labour Union, an organisation not at all times favourable to the extremists. Chan Sum, the Central Labour Union leader, was virtually kidnapped as he was leaving a meeting called for the purpose of arranging a parade to say farewell to General Chang Kai-shek before he left Canton for the Hunan front.

The given reason by the Workers' Conference for the arrest of Mr. Chan was that he had already been reported as having assisted in murderous plots, that the police had not been able to take him into custody because of his influence. His arrest by the pickets of the Workers' Conference was described as an act of assistance to the police.

The Central Labour Union claims to control more than 130 units and has a working body numbering more than 100,000 strong, while their opponents have 172 Unions and about 170,000 men.

OPPOSED TO BORODIN.

Another report says that the Union of which Chan Sum is the head was formed by working men who were opposed to the control of labour by men who take their orders from M. Borodin, and ever since the split in the ranks of labour there have been numerous open fights between pickets and members of the two factions. Of late the feeling has been even more intense, and almost daily members of one organisation or the other have met their deaths in these street quarrels.

Chan Sum is now held at the office of the Department of Public Safety, where word has been given out that he will be sent to Military Headquarters for trial. The Government has not hinted whether or not it will force the dissolution of the Kwangtung General Labourers Union, as it probably has a right to do, since it is understood that some of its component Unions have not registered with the Peasants and Labourers Bureau. At the same time, this organisation is now probably stronger than the opposing body, and the Government may try to settle the present controversy without abolishing it.

THE HUNAN WAR.

According to Canton reports, General Tang Sen-chi, the pro-Kuomintang commander whose men on July 10th succeeded in recapturing Changsha, the capital of Hunan, is moving towards Yochow, and expects to take it within the next few days.

General Chao Heng-ti and General Yeh Kai-hsin, "anti-Red" commanders, still in Yochow, are said to have decided to plan a return in Changsha, operating along three different routes. To do this, they claim to have the support of three divisions of men and 14 gunboats.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, under whom all the "anti-Red" troops are now acting, has again wired to Sun Chuan-fang, Tapan of Kiangsu, and Chekiang, and Tang Chi-yao, Tapan of Yunnan, to take action at once to co-operate with the Hunan "anti-Red" in opposing the Kuomintang in Kwangtung.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin of Mukden has informed the "anti-Red" in Hunan that he is despatching four aeroplanes with 100 bombs to re-inforce them in their attack against the Kuomintang.

According to Kuomintang reports, Kwangtung will have 30,000 and Kwangsi 6,000 to 7,000 men in Hunan within the next few days.

KOWLOON AND THE STORM.

MANY FALLS ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

SEVERAL WASI-OUTS.

Kowloon is now looking more like its usual self. The work of cleaning-up has progressed rapidly with good results. For some time yesterday a fire-engine was engaged in pumping water out of the basement of the new Peninsula Hotel.

Although it was not found possible to travel far along the road to Castle Peak, a *Telegraph* representative ventured forth last evening and succeeded in reaching a spot about a mile past the Brigantine Company's kite where the work of reclamation is in progress, and even up to this point a large number of falls had occurred. Most of them were minor ones.

On the hill just past Lai-chikok Prison, after passing several small

WORLD FLIGHT TRAGEDY.

De Pinedo Narrowly Escapes.

Pisa, July 20.
A trial spin in preparation for the world flight planned by Major De Pinedo, the famous Italian aviator, ended tragically here to-day.

A high wave, against the seaplane as she was about to rise from the water.

Major De Pinedo was entangled in the stays and narrowly escaped drowning, but Major Conti was killed.

Four others on board were injured.—*Reuter.*

falls, a very bad one is reached on a dangerous corner, and there is just sufficient room between the edge of the fall, and the edge of the road for a car to get through. One of the most serious falls is found on the way down the hill to Tsin Wan, where a slide some twenty or more feet in length blocked the whole of the road. Part of this has been cleared away, and just sufficient room is now left for a vehicle to pass.

ROAD CAVES IN.

By far the most serious damage was encountered at the Brigantine Company where more than half the road has collapsed in two or three places. Apparently, the rain washed the earth away from the side of the road, and the crust fell in under its own weight. Trees collapsed with it, and also truck lines. In all cases, the collapses left huge "U" gaps in the road, and these have now been fenced off, leaving just enough space to get through. Several more slides were encountered during the next mile, but at a place where many rocks and stones had fallen and blocked the road it was deemed advisable to turn back.

It is officially notified that this road is closed, but if the few miles traversed last evening is a true idea of the general state of the road it should not be very long before it will be again opened.

STORM LEGACIES.

All the way there was ample evidence to show that the storm had been severely felt. Flooded ground was to be seen everywhere, and in places it appeared that the rice crop had been destroyed. There were no signs of buildings having been swept away.

General Chang Kai-shek, the Kuomintang Commander-in-Chief, is still in Canton; and a general opinion is that he may not leave the city until the outcome of the Hongkong-Canton conference, to settle the anti-British boycott is known.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

MONSTROUS REPORT DENIED.

THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

Rugby, July 20.

Lord Winterton, Under-Secretary for India, moving an Indian Office Vote in the House of Commons, said that the political history of India during the past nine months, since the adjournment of the Assembly in October, 1925, had been that of the progressive disintegration of the Swarajist Party. Throughout the vicissitudes which had occurred, personal relations between Government representatives and Non-Official Members, not excluding the Swarajists, had been marked by the cordiality which had increasingly characterised them during the last two years.

COMING ELECTIONS.

For the immediate future, interest centred in the general election of the Assembly and Provincial Councils, which will meet in the autumn. Though it might be inexpedient to prophesy, it was permissible to hope for the emergence of a strong and united party. Under what name it emerged mattered little, provided it was prepared, without surrendering any ultimate constitutional ideals, to work with the Government in carrying on the administration. The administration would be carried on whatever happened. That was a question for India herself to answer. All that could be done was to hope that the answer would be clear and definite.

Lord Winterton said the question of the Sikh shrines was for the time being practically settled. The Sikhs were discussing among themselves, with some liveliness, the best methods of controlling their own religion. In regard to the terrorist movement in Bengal, the Government had made it perfectly clear to those who were seeking to terrorise by assassination, or attempted assassination, that the Government officials would be prepared to take whatever steps they could to combat this terrorism and that they possessed information to enable them to strike swiftly and surely to that end.

COMMUNAL TENSION.

There had not been any new development of Bolshevik activity in India during the year, said Lord Winterton. Communal tension had been steadily increasing during the past four years and it now constituted the greatest menace which confronted the Government. The friction between Hindus and Mohammedans assumed an acute form, first in Punjab, early in 1925, and since then with increasing intensity. It was scarcely an exaggeration to say that at the present time no religious festival of Hindus or Mohammedans could be carried out without the necessity of elaborate precautions being taken with a view to ensuring their peaceful celebration. The monstrous accusation that the British members of the Government and British officials had refrained from taking effective steps to prevent communal riots, was devoid of all foundation.

SOUND FINANCES.

The finances were satisfactory. The Government of India was one of the first Governments to take the step of drastic curtailment of expenditure to free her finance of the disturbances consequent upon the war. The period of deficit was closed in the year 1922-3, since which date satisfactory surpluses had been replaced. The Budget for 1926-7 showed an estimated surplus of five lakhs of rupees. The presentation of a balanced Budget for the fourth year in succession, associated with further remissions of taxation in favour of the Provinces, could be recognised as an indication of the sound financial position which had been built up by the Government of India during the last four years. The Indian Government credit on the London market stood fully as high as that of the Dominions. It was only second to that of His Majesty's Government.—*British Wireless.*

FOR THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

EMIGRANTS LEAVE BY "HAICHING."

REJECTED MEN ON BOARD.

Prior to leaving for the South Sea Islands with 460 emigrants on board, the s.s. Haiching, which left Hongkong yesterday afternoon, underwent a thorough search by Sergeant Barnicle and a party of detectives. In various parts of the steamer, concealed beneath planks and other obstacles, the police discovered 22 Chinese who were on board without passage tickets.

All the men appeared before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of attempting to stow away. The defendants pleaded guilty to being on board without having paid their fares.

Sergeant Barnicle told the Court that the Haiching, which had been chartered by Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone and Co., was taking a number of emigrants to the South Sea Islands on a three years' contract for work on a mine. All the defendants had been rejected and they attempted to stow away, but were arrested before the ship's departure.

Sentences of three weeks' hard labour each was imposed.

MIXED COURT.

THE TERMS OF ITS RENDITION.

Shanghai, July 20.

As regards the Mixed Court rendition the *Sin Wan Pao* states that the Ministry of Justice considers it improper to allow Assessors to continue to sit in Criminal cases.

The provision allowing the local authorities to decide all criminal actions and to execute all such decisions is regarded as repugnant to recent Ordinances promulgated by the Central Government and prejudicial to the movement for the unification of the law. The paper adds that the Ministry in conjunction with the foreign office, intends to submit a resolution to the Cabinet for the revision of the agreement.—*Reuter.*

CALCUTTA RIOTS.

RAINS CURTAIL SERIOUS OUTBREAK.

Calcutta, July 20.

The Muharrat Procession has provoked a renewal of rioting and shooting has been a frequent occurrence. So far one Mohammedan has been killed; and nine seriously wounded, while twenty-five others, mostly Hindus have been sent to hospital.

One of the latter had his fingers chopped off.

At about midnight a severe rainstorm broke over the city, flooding the whole of North Calcutta and curtailing the disturbances.—*Reuter.*

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

AUSTRALIA'S RESERVATIONS.

Melbourne, July 20.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Bruce stated that it was undesirable that he should go to Great Britain unless the Imperial Conference was representative of the whole Empire. If Canada was absent it would make the conference one from which no great results would flow.—*Reuter.*

BOYCOTT PARLEY SITTINGS.

REPORTED CANTON TERMS.

FOUR POSSIBLE POINTS OUTLINED.

WILL MEET TO-DAY.

We have received the following communique with regard to the negotiations now proceeding in Canton between the representatives of the Canton Government and the Hongkong Government:—

"The Conference" at Canton resumed its sitting on 19th July in the Canton Foreign Office when the British Delegates replied to the statement made by the Chinese Delegates on the origin of the anti-British boycott.

"The next sitting of the Conference has been fixed for Wednesday, 21st July."

REPORTED "TERMS."

There are various reports in circulation regarding the terms likely to be put forward by the Canton Government for a settlement and it is stated that the four principal points to be submitted deal with the following points:—

1.—The recognition of the Nationalist Revolutionary Government (the Government of Canton).

2.—The establishment of a branch office of the Central Bank (the banking institution of the Canton Government) in Hongkong with authority to issue bank notes.

3.—The issue of \$5,000,000 worth of bonds for the construction of Whampoa as a commercial port, these bonds to be sold in Hongkong and treated as a reserve for the issue of bank notes.

4.—The recognition by the Hongkong Government of all arms licences issued by the Canton Government.

YOUTHFUL THIEVES.

RINGLEADER AND OTHERS SENTENCED.

While pickpockets picked and thieves stole, a man stood off at a safe distance and came into the case only when there was a division of the spoils.

So said the police in charging a Chinese at the Central Magistracy this morning with being the ringleader of a gang of young thieves, three of whom were also charged at the same time.

Over twenty payntickets were found in the course of investigations by Detective Sergeant McEwen in the course of the case, and, in reply to his Worship, the officer said that the major defendant acted in the capacity of receiver of goods stolen by this gang.

The police had good reasons for believing that he taught the boys as well and inspired many of the robberies of which only a few could be traced so far.

The chief defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

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The usual weekly public lectures will be given at the Hongkong Lodge Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday July 22nd, at 6 p.m. Lecturer, Mr. M. Manoh. The meeting is open to the public.

WAR DEBTS.

MR. CHURCHILL'S OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

Rugby, July 19.

The House of Commons debate on the French debt settlement was initiated by Captain Wedgwood Benn, (Liberal). Capt. Benn commented upon the fact that the Italian debt to this country had been reduced by six-sevenths and that of France by three-fifths and he complained that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had taken no steps to urge these countries to reduce armaments, which were a menace to the peace of Europe. He asked if this was a final settlement and would it give a stable condition of affairs in France? Referring to the safeguarding clause he said that if Germany defaulted at any time, then the whole terms of the settlement would be re-opened and the agreement would bring us in as joint creditors with France in a political squabble with Germany.

Mr. Philip Snowden, former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared that Mr. Churchill in this agreement could not contend that he was maintaining the principles of the Balfour Note for he was not getting from our Continental debtors a sum which would be sufficient for us to pay the debt which we owed to America.

Mr. Runciman, (Liberal) criticised the letters exchanged between Mr. Churchill and M. Caillaux regarding the event of a default of German reparations. He declared that M. Caillaux's letter was vague and Mr. Churchill's letter was so little definite that it would bind nobody and gave no guidance for the future.

The Safeguard Clause.

Mr. Winston Churchill, replying for the Government, said that nothing had happened in the debate which had led him to feel that there was any large, deep or strong volume of Parliamentary opinion marshalled in condemnation of the course which the Government had thought fit to adopt. In regard to the question of the safeguard clause there was a demand by M. Caillaux and the French Government that there should be a definite clause inserted in the Agreement making payment by France to this country dependent on the payment of German reparations. The Government had consistently declined to admit any such clause into the agreement. One of the reasons why they had scaled down the debt payment from France to £12,500,000, was in order that these payments should rest on the sole credit of France and should not be contingent on, or directly proportionate to, payments which France received from Germany. He was not going to conceal from the House that they had made a concession on this point and one which, if all things had been equal, they would rather not have made. But this concession must not be exaggerated nor must an attempt be made to draw from it conclusions which were by no means warrantable. The letters were, of course, to be read together with the agreement and there could be no question of the Government receding from their responsibilities as described in those letters. The letters meant what they said and the language of those letters had been very carefully considered. Those letters undoubtedly gave France the right, if there was a main suspension of payments by Germany exceeding one half, to raise the question of their capacity to continue to pay annuities. But the British Government would remain

perfectly free to argue the contrary case—to argue that there was no case whatever for modification if they were satisfied that the circumstances so warranted it.

Britain's Policy.

The object of the Government in coming to this settlement at this time had not been, as some people had suggested, to make a desperate effort to save France and other foreign currencies. He hoped the gradual clearance of the debt dispute and its passing into a state of settlement would be a more favourable factor in the general recovery of Europe, but the British Government had sought to judge this matter entirely upon the basis of what would be in the best interests of this country, namely, from the point of view of what was the best settlement that we were likely to get and what would conform to our ideas of fair settlement taking all the moral and material matters into consideration. Continuing, Mr. Churchill said it would be absurd for this country to take up the position that everything in the settlement between France and Great Britain must correspond exactly with the settlement between France and the United States. We were quite entitled to vary the conditions as much as we liked. The French debt to the United States on July 15th, 1925, was £27,000,000 and with that debt were mixed not merely war debts but post-war debts. On the same date the debt of France to Great Britain was £57,000,000 excluding the £53,750,000 of gold held in this country. The present value of the French debt payments to the United States at 4½ per cent. was £412,000,000, or 49 per cent. of the debt. The present value of French debt payments to Great Britain at the same rate of interest was £262,000,000, or 47 per cent. of the debt. So that the difference, measured by these figures, between the settlement we had effected and the settlement which France had effected with the United States, was as between 47 per cent. and 49 per cent., which only varied to the extent of two per cent. Although the French debt to the United States, compared with their debt to us, was in the proportion of eight to five, payment would be made to Great Britain and the United States as follows:—first five years, United States £32,000,000, Great Britain £42,500,000; for ten years, United States £34,000,000, Great Britain £105,000,000.—British Wireless.

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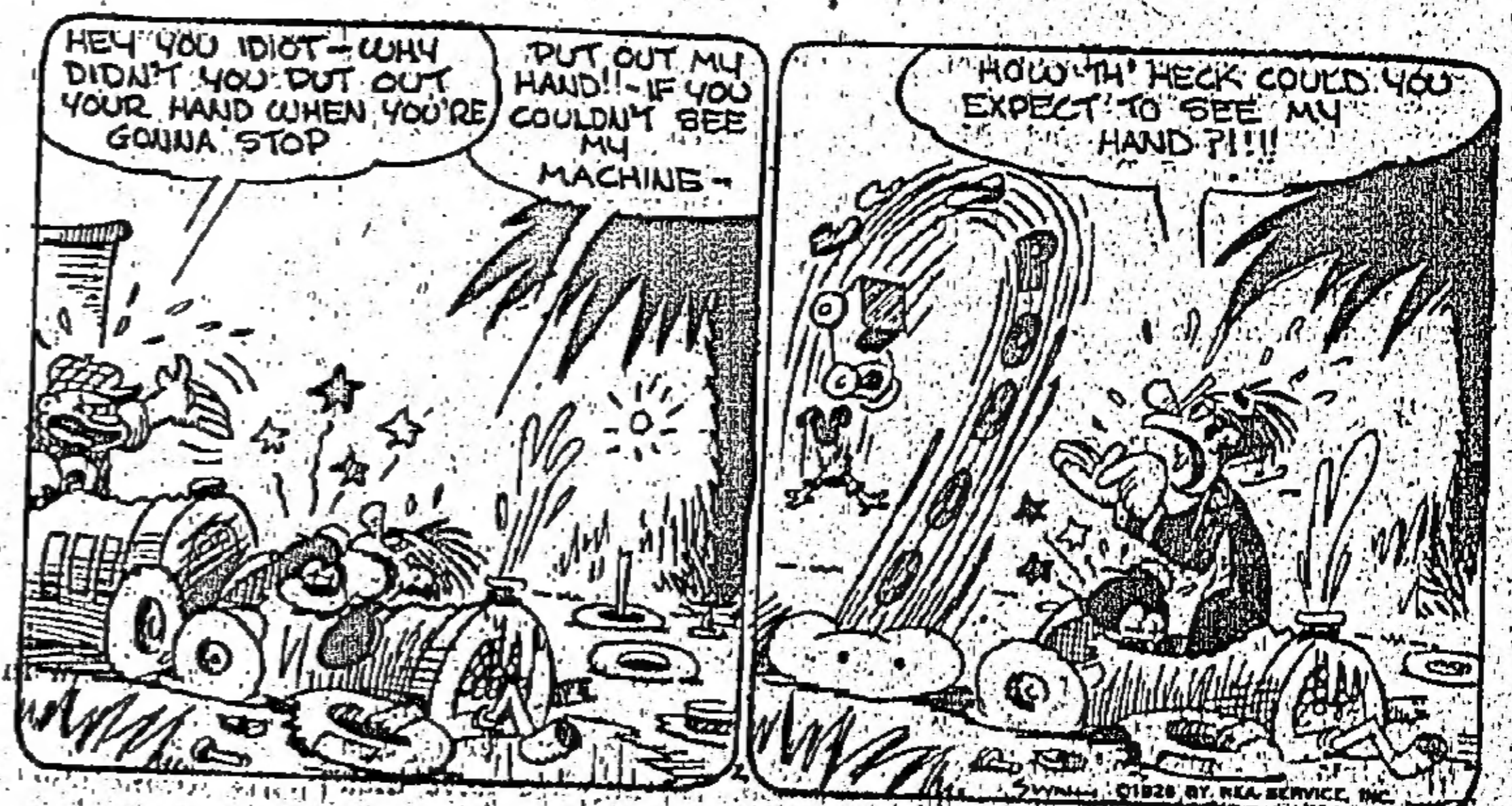


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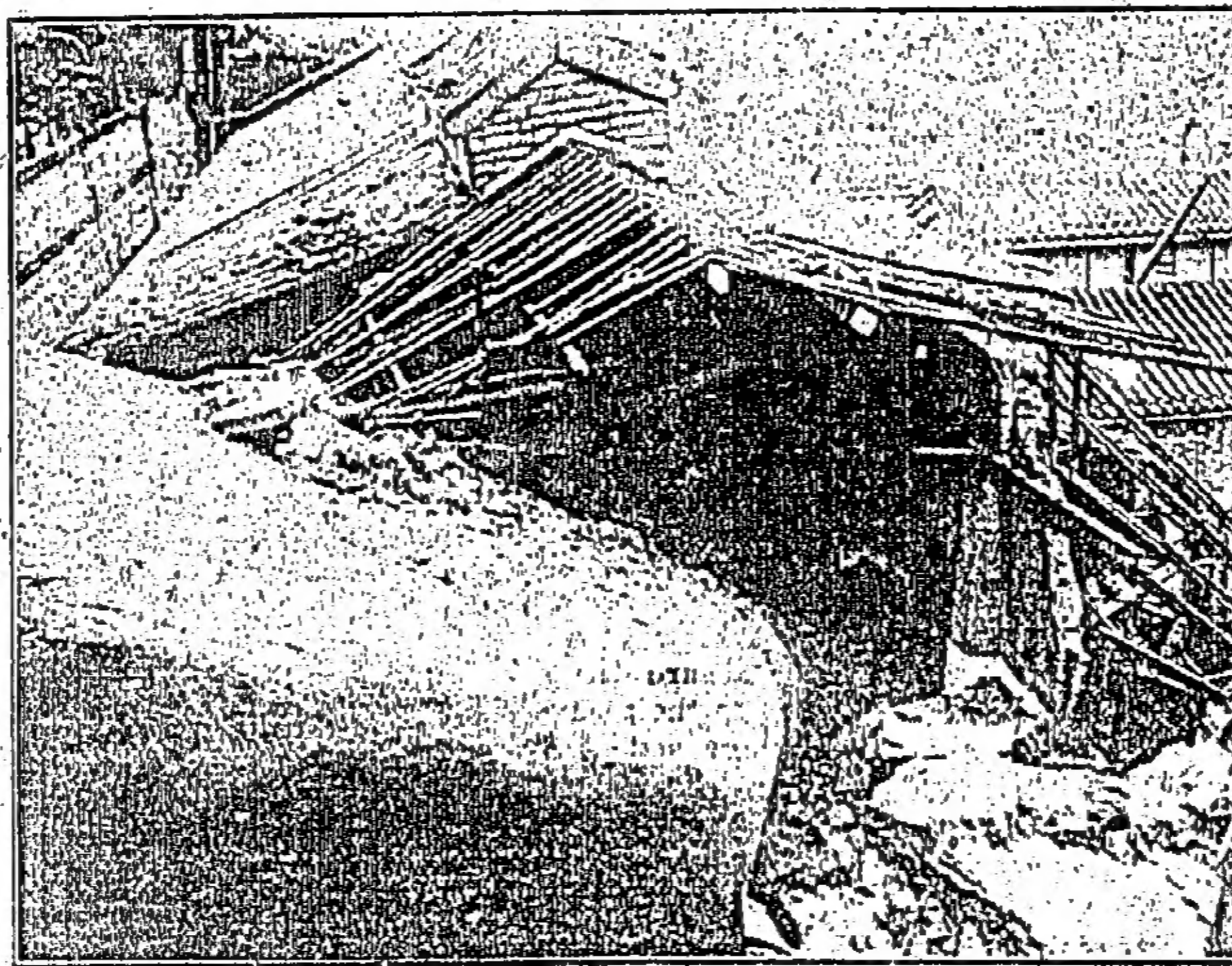
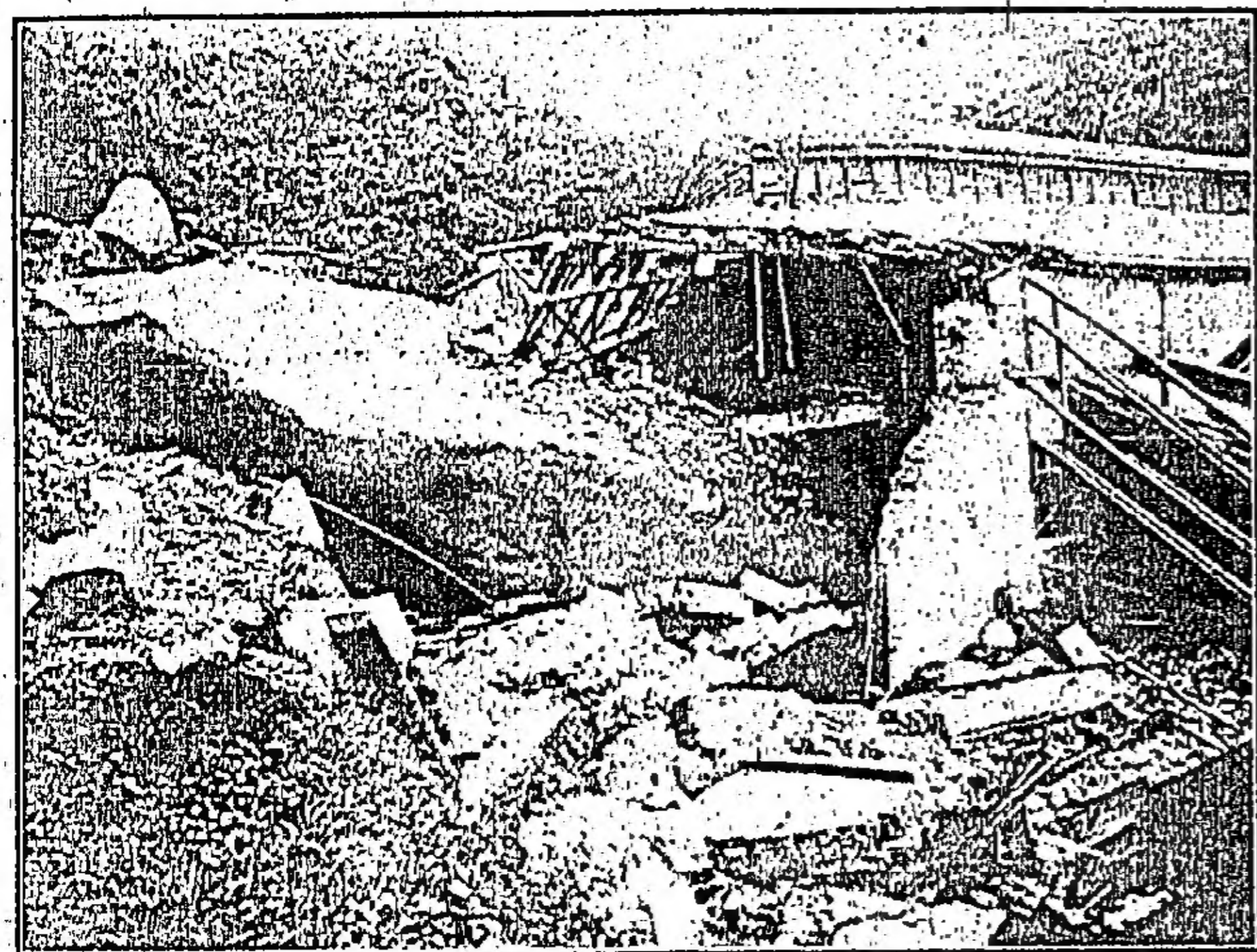


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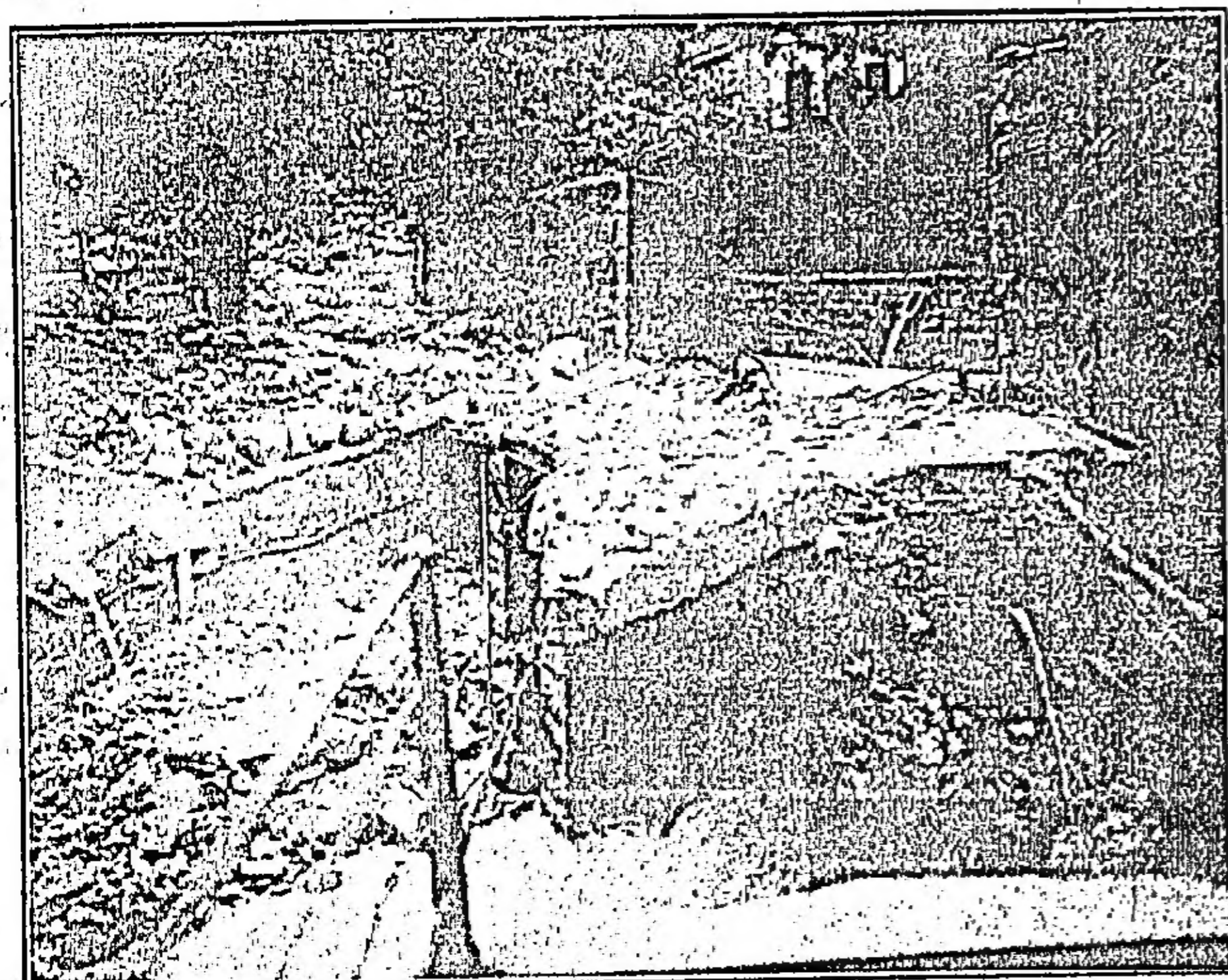
The above two pictures show the damage caused by the huge boulder, hundreds of tons in weight, which crashed down the hillside just past the University into the Pokfulam Road pumping station, resulting in the loss of five lives. (Photos: A Fong.)



Immediately above the Pokfulam Road pumping station, the nullah carrying the water pipes up to the Peak, has been wrecked, as shown in above picture. (Photo: A Fong.)



At West Point, below the University, the tremendous force of descending torrents has torn adrift huge blocks of masonry, as pictured above. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)



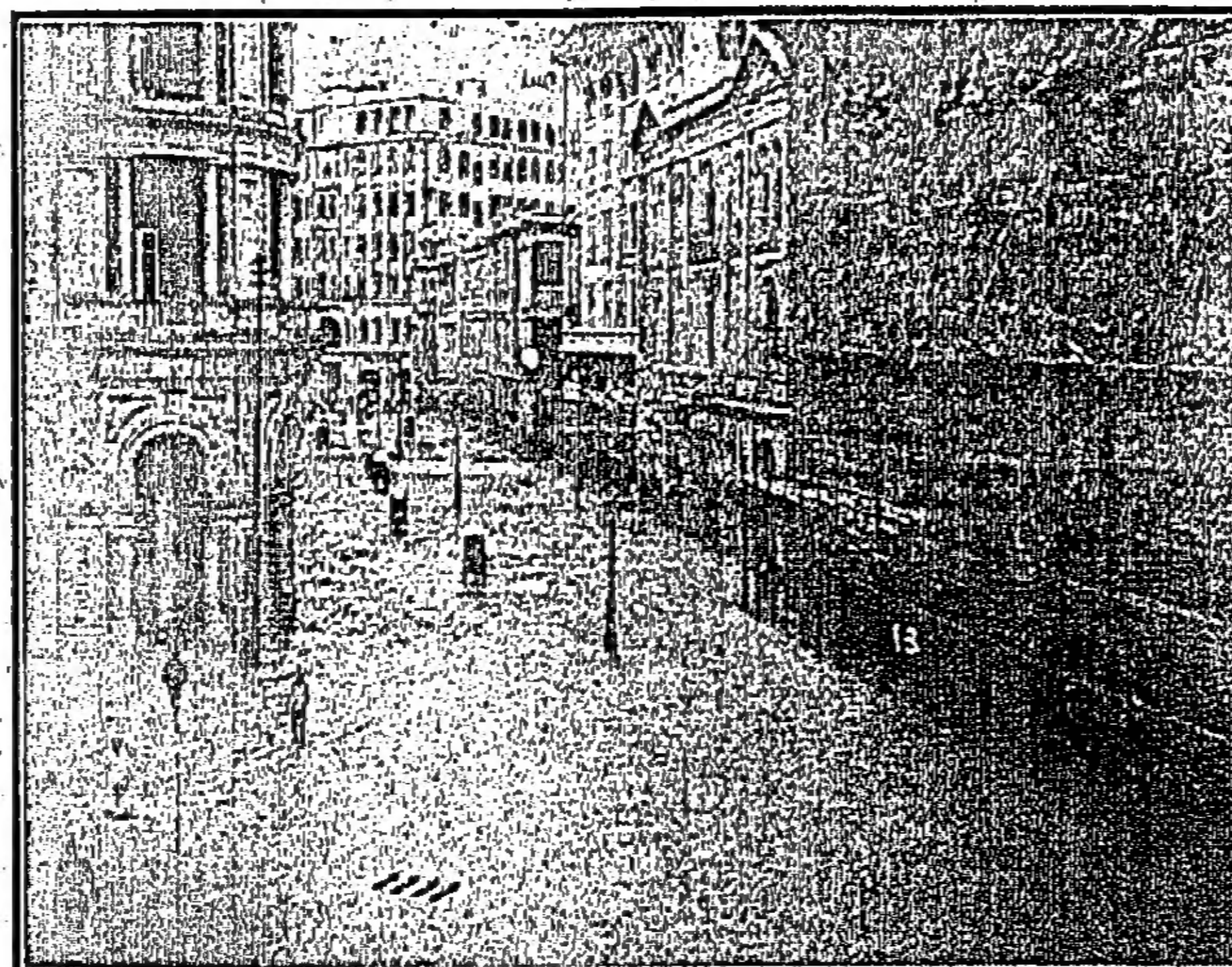
The big nullah just below the Helena May Institute was completely wrecked, as this photograph reveals. (Photo: A Fong.)



A typical illustration of the destructive force of the raging torrents which swept down the hillside roads on to the lower levels. (Photo: A. Fong.)



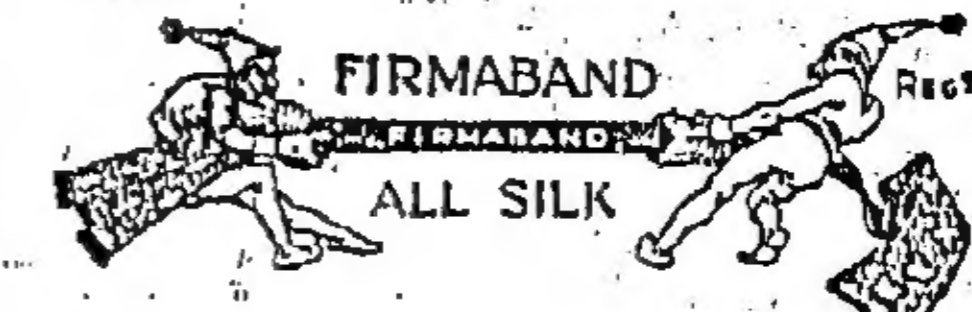
The terrible destruction caused in Pedder Street by the bursting of the underground nullah can be seen above (Photo: A Fong.)



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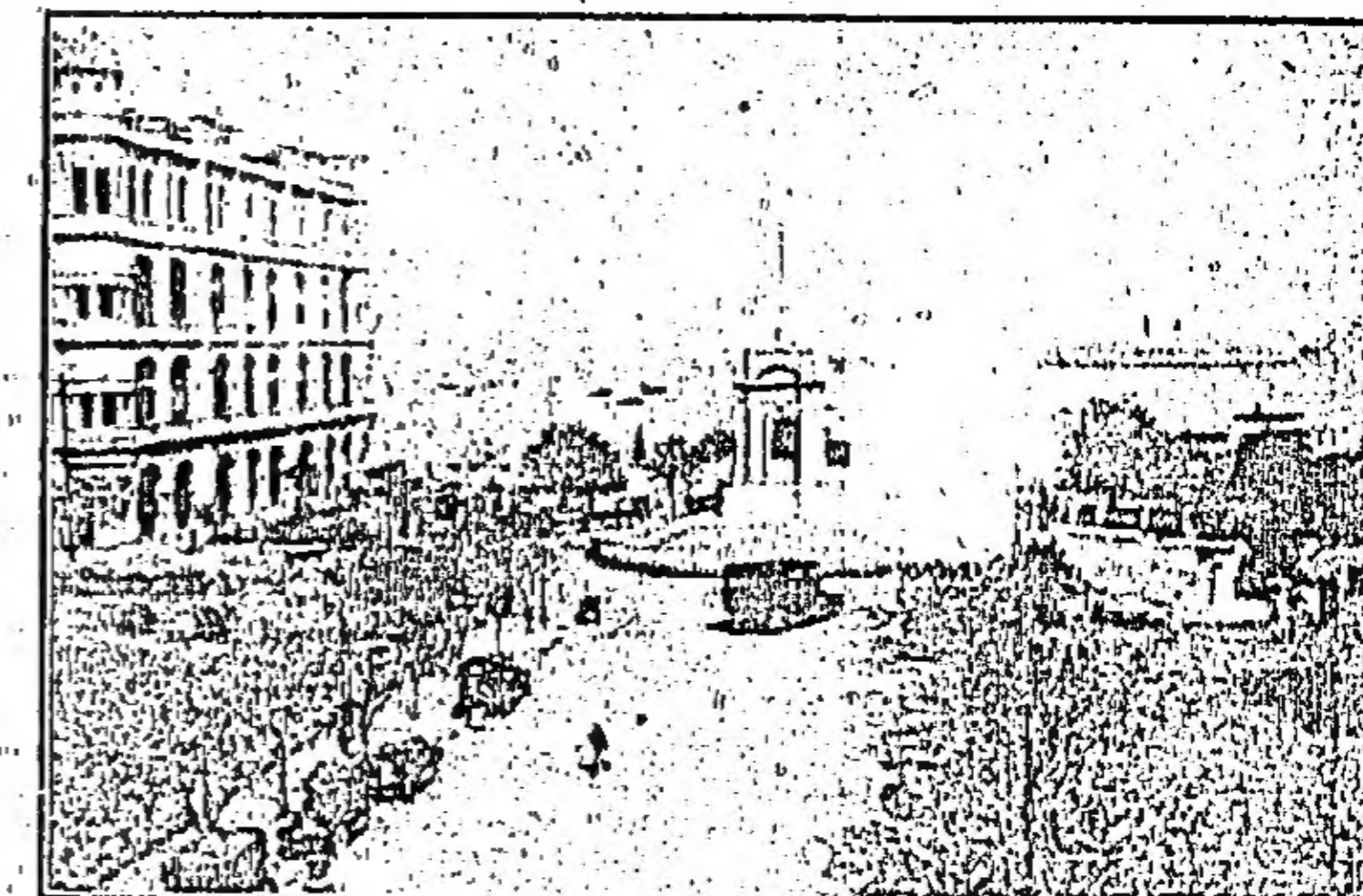
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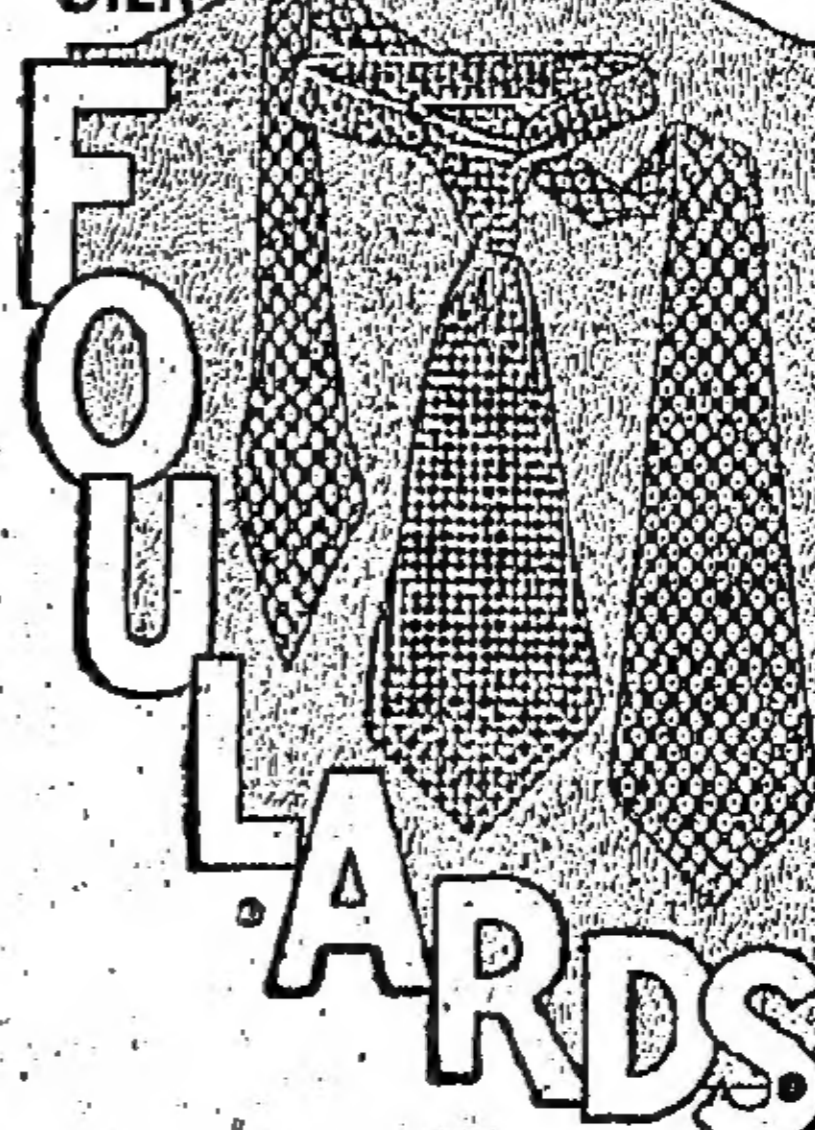
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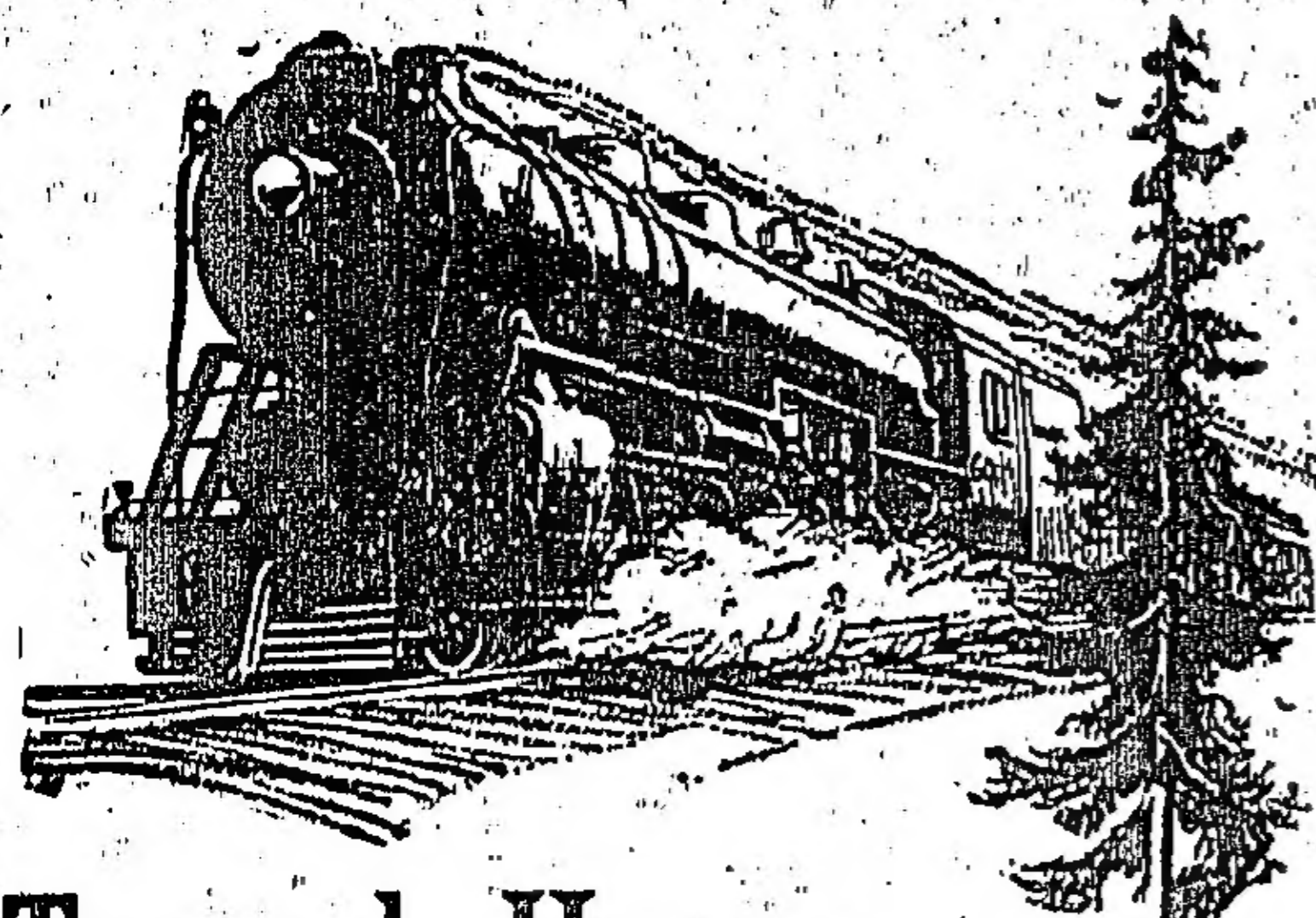
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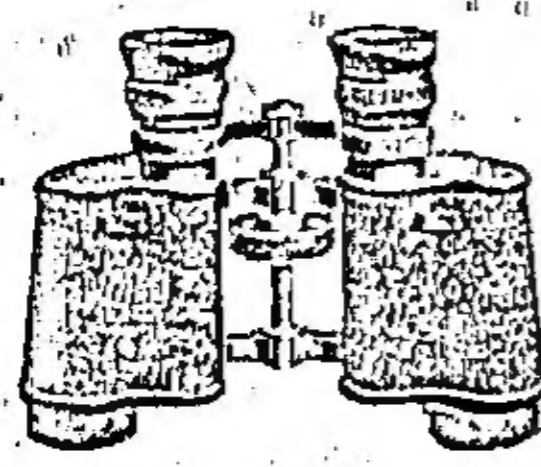
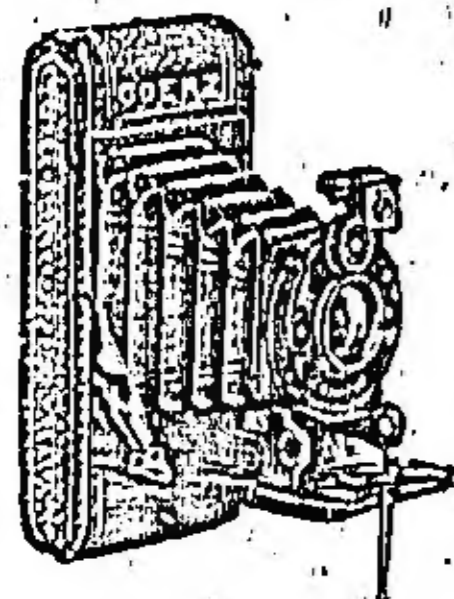
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We learn that the former British India Steam Navigation Company's steamer Kasara has been sold. She is at present away on a voyage to Touraine, and back to Hongkong, under command of Captain T. R. Nicoll, who has been, we understand, the sole owner of the vessel. It is stated that the steamer has been sold to Mr. Wong Tai-kan, of Foochow, for which Messrs. Ray & Co., local ship-brokers, are agents.

The steamer was sold, it is said, in 1917 by the British India Steam Navigation Company to Captain Nicoll, who had her flying the British ensign until 1923, when she was put under the Chinese flag. She is a steel steamer, built in Troon in 1890, but she was re-conditioned and practically rebuilt in 1922. She was last surveyed on February 16th, 1925, when she was declared a first-class insurance risk.

The Kasara's registered tonnage is 503 tons net, and 1195 tons gross, and her deadweight capacity, inclusive of bunkers, is 1,250 tons, of which the bunkers contain 220 tons. Her cargo capacity in cubic feet is 48,000 cubic feet, and her draft fully loaded is 16'4 1/2", while her draft in ballast is 8 feet. The steamer is capable of making 14 knots on a consumption of about 42 tons of coal per 24 hours. She can make 12 knots per hour on a consumption of 23 tons and 10 1/2 knots on 19 tons per 24 hours. Her length over all is 238 feet and her extreme breadth is 34 feet. Her depth of hold is 16'5" and her moulded depth 17'5". Twelve decks are laid all over, and the steamer has a shelter deck. She has a passenger accommodation for 22 first-class, 22 second-class, 256 third-class and 616 deck passengers, making a total of 894 in all. Her Hongkong passenger licence has long since expired, but later the steamer obtained a Canton passenger licence. The cabins are situated amidship and aft of the steamer, the officers' accommodation is amidship, and the crews' quarters are forward. The vessel has six very large side-ports. Her engines are of the triple expansion type, placed amidship and were made by Dunsinuir and Jackson in 1890. Her indicated horse-power is 2,000 and the working pressure of her boilers is 160 lbs. The steamer is also equipped with a donkey boiler, and is fitted with electric light all over.

The Kasara was at one time of the "flash" ships of the British India Company, being engaged in the trade between Bombay and the Persian Gulf. At that time she was fitted with double awnings, which extended over the full length of the vessel. The steamer was then manned by a crew of 87 men, and, small as she is, carried a master, four officers, and four engineers, all Britishers, two sarangs, four tindals, etc.

After Captain Nicoll bought the vessel she first made a few trips between Bushire, in the Persian Gulf, and China, but has for the last four or five years been employed on the coast-wise run, seldom going further south than Touraine, and never further north than Foochow.

Two more cheap rice bureaux have been opened in Shanghai, one at Nantao and the other near the Kuanti Temple at the West Gate. These bureaux have been well patronized by the poor Chinese, and are doing a highly useful work.

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7564	8 c/s Merchandise	1/4/21	Geo. Banker, Esq.
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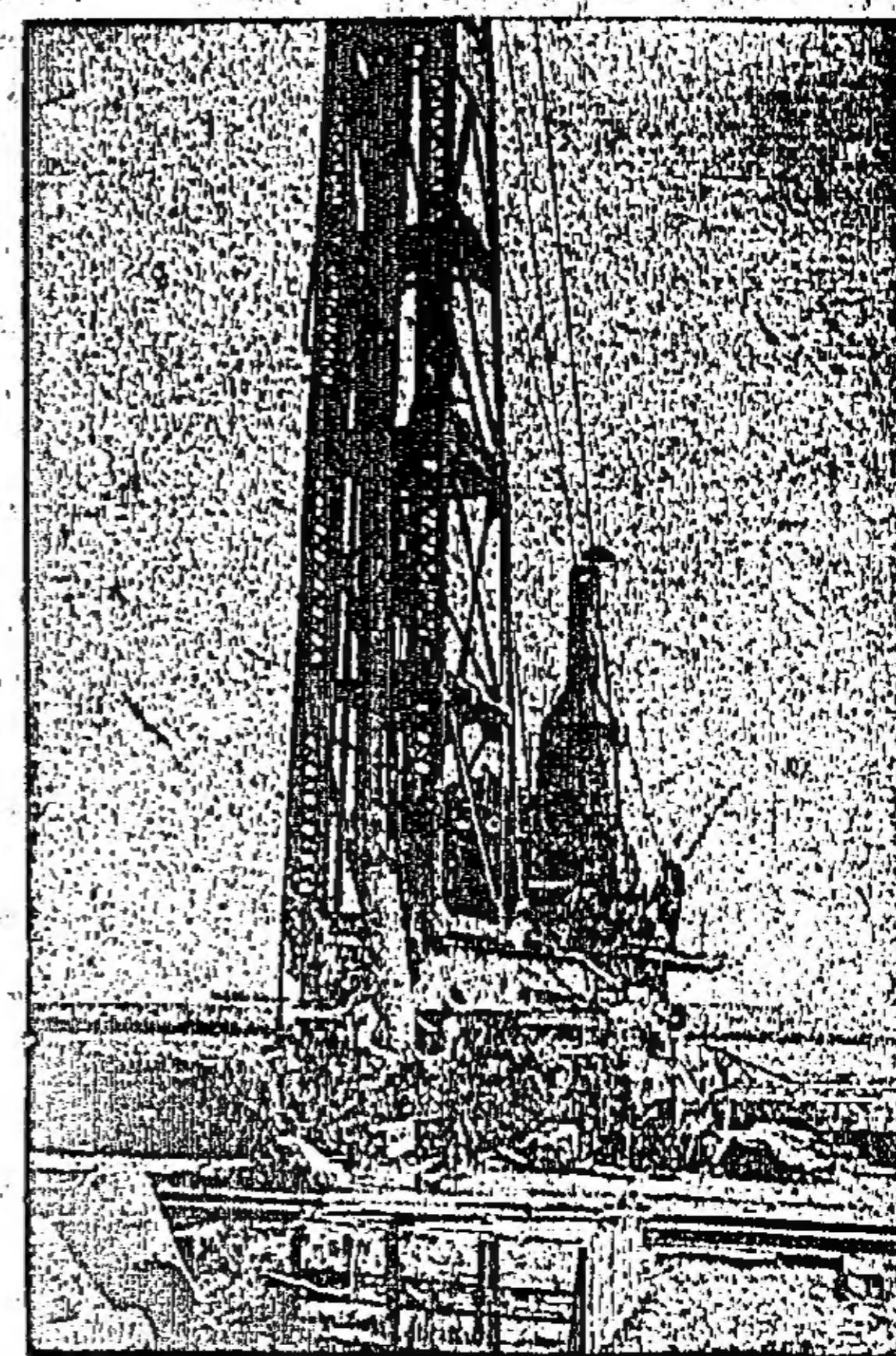
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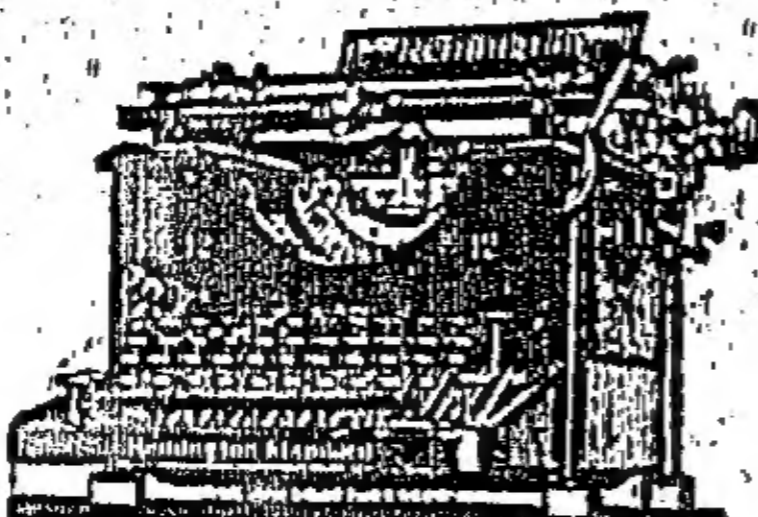
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FRANCE AND DEBTS.

When the French newspapers so unanimously predict that the new Cabinet formed by Mr. Herriot will not last and will not succeed in solving the financial puzzle which has harassed and perplexed France ever since she was one of those countries to share in winning the war, it can be taken for granted that their predictions are more or less likely to be fulfilled. The company with which M. Herriot has chosen to surround himself does not inspire, or, rather, makes the outlook even more dolorous than it was under the wing of M. Briand. It should be remembered that the latest downfall of Briand was not due to the rejection of any financial proposal but arose solely on account of the constitutional issue raised by his proposal to deal with the situation by means of "decrees" outside parliamentary control. He and M. Caillaux wanted power to act as a supreme dictatorship, but, the parliamentarians, led by M. Herriot of the Left, fought for the retention of their constitutional rights and, as was rather natural, won. It was a serious step that M. Briand proposed and the day for that kind of thing has not come yet, though it possibly might. These changes in the French Cabinet are becoming so frequent that they might be almost devoid of interest were they not so serious a matter for the country suffering from them. It is less than one month ago since M. Briand formed the Cabinet which preceded the one which resigned two days ago, and it was only three months previously that he had formed the ninth in his wonderful career. M. Herriot's makes the fourth in four months and, as that is not greeted with hopes even by his supporters, it looks as though France is about to enter on an extremely grave phase of its struggle to find and financial formula which will bring in enough money to permit the country to meet its internal and external obligations. Meanwhile, the franc is going from bad to worse so far as its exchange value is concerned, the latest quotation being over 220 to the £ sterling—just over one penny each. This sort of thing spells disaster unless some check is put upon it, though the indication that M. Herriot would probably seek to raise the necessary Government funds by the method of inflation would only result in the franc's further decline. Mixed up closely with all this French finance is the question of inter-Allied war debts, regarding which an important debate took

place in the House of Commons on Monday. It does seem anomalous that impoverished Europe has to pay out to wealthy and affluent America millions of pounds sterling every year on account of monetary assistance rendered during the war, and it was inevitable that there should be some very plain speaking by members of the Opposition. The figures which were quoted by Mr. Philip Snowden were illuminating and show that if France is bearing a burden of debt repayment Great Britain is hearing one as heavy. We have treated our debtors as generously as our terms with the United States permits—receiving less from all sources than we are paying away, this despite the fact that we were a victor and not a vanquished nation. Sooner or later, America will have to come to the rescue of Europe and wipe out all these debts, as being part and parcel of her contribution to the war in which she took a part. Britain is ready to do it, though if everybody had their due we should stand to get a considerable "profit" by a settlement of the question in a cash way. France is struggling in the morass of financial disorganisation and one of the quickest ways of getting her out would be to cancel all war debts. Here is the chance for America to demonstrate her admiration of the country and people of Lafayette.

The Assessment Question.

The stereotyped phrase "By order of His Excellency the Governor a new valuation of the whole Colony has been made" opens the annual report of the Assessor, which has just been published and from which we printed the salient figures in our Saturday's issue. H. E. the Governor-in-Council may have ordered the new valuation, but that makes no difference to the fact that the "valuation" is not an independent one made for the purpose of assessing the taxable value of property, but is, in the main, the rental value, and one on which it is unfair to levy taxes. It is not in accordance with Home practice that a property owner should pay rates and taxes on the full rental value of his premises, because at Home a separate and distinct assessment is made by the taxing officers or official accountants. That independent assessment is invariably lower than the gross rental, for the simple reason that a landlord does not receive a gross rental for his own income. There are all manner of property expenses to be taken off, and it is felt to be a fair and just thing to tax property lower than the full amount paid in rent. In Hongkong, however, there is no such consideration. If a house is let at \$150 per month, then it is assessed for taxes at that sum, and, in the case of owner-occupied property, the Treasury calls upon the owner to supply full details of cost, cost of land, etc., and then "assesses" the property at so much per centage of that gross cost. We have complained often before about this very bad method of fixing the amount of taxation property should bear, and have asked for an independent assessment to be made by a qualified Government official apart altogether from the rental charged, or the cost of construction. In this way the man who paid dearly for his property would not be paying more taxation than he should and the man who bought a "bargain" would be able to get the benefit of it. The Home method is much more equitable than the local method and we live in hopes of seeing it adopted here one day.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Rugby, July 20.
Paris	238 1/2
Brussels	220 1/4
Amsterdam	12.05 1/2
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.35
Vienna	34.04 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Lisbon	217 1/2
Buenos Aires	45.11 1/2
Shanghai	2/10 1/2
Yokohama	1/11.9/32
New York	4.80 1/2
Geneva	25.11 1/2
Milan	16 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2
Oslo	22.20
Prague	3.64 1/2
Madrid	30.94 1/2
Rio	7.11 1/2
Bombay	1/5 15/16
Hongkong	2/2 1/4
Silver (spot & forward)	29 1/4

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

WE TAKE LESS PAINS TO BE HAPPY THAN TO APPEAR SO.—*Roche foucauld.*

There was a clean bill of health so far as notifiable disease was concerned in the Colony yesterday.

The P. and O. liner Kashmir, which left Shanghai yesterday at 11 a.m., is due here on the 23rd at 8 a.m.

Dr. Leo McGillick, M.B., C.Ch., has been appointed Junior Medical Officer and a Medical Officer of Health in Weihaiwei.

The P. and O. liner Ranpara, which left Shanghai at 8 p.m. yesterday, is due here on the 23rd inst. at 11 a.m.

Koreans of the Independence party have formed a secret society called the Three Strokes Association.

Some excellent pictures of the floods have reached us from A. Fong, of D'Aguiar Street; Ming Yuen, of Beaconsfield Arcade; Mee Cheung, of Ice House Street; and Ah Hing, of 2, Queen's Road Central.

An engagement is announced between the Rev. Charles Alfred Kemble, Irwin, rector of Swyncombe, Oxon., elder surviving son of the late Rev. J. J. Irwin, D. D. (sometime Colonial chaplain Hongkong) and Miss Lydia Theresa (Tessa) Cottier, eldest daughter of Sir Charles and Lady Cottier, of Swyncombe House, Oxon.

Recently, the Kwangtung Provincial Government, addressed a telegram welcoming the delegates of the Cantonese merchants at Shanghai who are to come to Canton on a mission of investigation. In reply, the Provincial Government received a telegram from the General Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai on the 15th inst. stating that the delegates would leave Shanghai on the following day.

The return showing the number of cases of notifiable disease which occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday last shows that there were two Chinese cases of diphtheria, two Chinese and one Portuguese case of enteric fever, one Chinese case of paratyphoid fever, one Portuguese case of cerebro-spinal fever and one case of animal rabies. The Colony had a clean bill of health on Monday.

FRENCH CRISIS.

BUSINESS BEING RUINED.

Paris, July 20. Prices are soaring as the franc falls and traders are becoming nervous.

The Sugar Exchange has decided not to permit transactions at prices exceeding the closing rates on July 16.

Silk manufacturers at Lyons have telegraphed to the Presidents of the Chamber and Senate declaring that the fall of the franc places the silk industry in an inextricable position, and urging that the currency be stabilised by the adoption of the plan proposed by the recent Committee of Experts.

The Havre Cotton and Coffee Brokers Associations have decided to restrict operations.

The Post Office has prohibited the inclusion of quotations of exchange rates and stock prices in wireless bulletins.

A number of luxury shops in Paris are threatening to close for the summer as the fluctuation of the franc makes business risky.—*Reuter.*

FRANC ONE PENNY EACH

London, July 20. The French franc closed in London at 239.25, and the Belgian franc at 220.—*Reuter.*

GENERAL GOURAND.

ENTERTAINED BY BRITISH ROYALTY.

Rugby, July 20. General Gourand, the Military Governor of Paris, who has been on a visit to London, lunched to-day with His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace. During the morning he was received by the Prince of Wales.—*British Wireless.*

LLOYD GEORGE SPEAKS.

A TASK FOR THE RISING GENERATION.

Rugby, July 20. Mr. Lloyd George to-day addressed the Seventh World Convention of the Christian Endeavour movement, the delegates to which represent over thirty nations. His theme was "The Youth of World for Peace and Goodwill." The ex-Prime Minister said: "Each generation has its task and the supreme task of generation that is arising now and which is commencing its work in life, is to achieve the substitution of organised justice for organised violence. We old fellows were brought up in a world that regarded armaments, with occasional wars, as part of the grim essentials of human civilisation. We have not got away from it. The most horrible devastation and the greatest war will have yet to come unless youth tears that idea from the heart of civilisation. Europe had been drinking of armaments until it got *delirium tremens* in 1914, and it is going on drinking secretly now. There are greater armies in Europe to-day than ever before."

Pleading for arbitration between nations and classes, Mr. Lloyd George described the Church's intervention in the coal dispute as a great achievement. "I wish they had begun in 1914," he said.—*British Wireless.*

BOOK REVIEW.

THE LOVE STORY OF A CHINESE GIRL.

"Love and Duty" is the title of a simple but yet attractive novel written by Ho Ra-se and published by the Commercial Press, Ltd., Shanghai. It sells at \$1.60 per copy.

The tale concerns a Chinese girl who married a man whom she did not love, but who, none the less, proved a kind husband. All went well until the young wife again met an old-time playmate, with whom she eloped. The latter, however, soon died, leaving the young girl with a child. Then struggles are encountered and many hardships suffered, finally ending in the mother sacrificing her own life to ensure the child's happiness. In the end, the orphan girl is adopted by the forgiving husband.

The story is told in simple English, with characteristic Chinese background, while the central teaching is in accordance with Confucian ethical thought. Touches of humour make the story quite a readable one.

U. S. AND WORLD COURT.

INDIFFERENT RECEPTION OF RESERVATION.

Washington, July 20. Out of the 42 countries invited to accept the United States Senate's reservations on which American is willing to join the World Court, only Cuba, Greece and Liberia have accepted, nineteen others have merely acknowledged the communication, six have reserved their decision and fourteen, including Britain and Japan, have not replied.

Nevertheless, State Department officials are optimistic that ultimate assent will be obtained to American adherence, and also believe that the American rejection of the League invitation for the September Conference will not influence the decision of the participating countries.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL UNDERTAKERS.

ADJUSTING A WORKERS' DISPUTE.

Some forty local Chinese undertakers, who work in 14 Chinese coffin establishments in Hongkong are at present having difficulties with their employers.

To prevent an open conflict, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, through its Chairman and General Secretary, has been mediating for a peaceful settlement. The coffin establishments are threatening to employ new men from outside to replace the present workers, who are demanding that only men of their Union may be employed.

It is stated that through the mediation of the Chamber of Commerce, beginning from September next the undertakers will be given an increase of 25 per cent. in wages. In the meantime, non-Union men may also be employed in Hongkong as undertakers.

OBITUARY.

LEADING RUSSIAN POLITICIAN.

Moscow, July 20. The death is announced of M. Dzerzhinsky, President of the Supreme Economic Council.

The Very Idea!

Two men were discussing literature on the top of an omnibus.

"Well," said one, "John puts 'Bleak House' first and 'Martin Chuzzlewit' second."

A hoarse voice interrupted from the seat behind.

"Gentlemen," it said, "I don't know your pal John, but you're bein' had. There, ain't no such horses runnin'."

"I think the engine's missing," said

His little lady fair.

He lifted up the hood and said,

"You're wrong. It's right in there."

Mama's and papa's darling, the only child, has a chance to be as normal and, in general, as acceptable a member of society, as the child with brothers and sisters. This finding comes from a psychologist who has tested a miscellaneous group of youngsters and finds that the only child is no more selfish, no more queer, no more abnormal in any way, than any other species of offspring. Good news for parents in this day when a baby costs half a year's salary!

Golf Beginner (at the first tee) "I say, do you suppose it will take me very long to learn the technical terms in this game?"

Hardened Instructor—"Well, the pyrotechnical terms always seem to come easily enough."

He held her tightly in his arms,

And then, beneath her breath, she softly said, "I love you," and

He squeezed the girl to death.

You can't blame children for wondering why they have to go to bed when they're not sleepy, and get up when they are.

"It's a Woman!" Whenever the populace sights an automobile accident, this cry arises in a mighty breath! "The woman driver" has been synonymous of all that was careless in motor piloting. But this popular belief is even worse foolishness according to a national survey just completed in America. With a mighty breath, state registrars of motor vehicles, insurance companies, police commissioners declare that "women are much safer drivers than men!"

The experience of a man who uses a scalp tonic is a hair-raising, yet uninteresting, story.

Fourteen long-tressed maidens in Milton College, Wisconsin, have joined together in amicable fellowship in a club yeapt Gotta Long Hair, for the laudable purpose of furthering and abetting long hair. Which is what ails the country most, this spirit of converting everybody to your own ways and opinions. If girls want long hair, let 'em have it, but for goodness sake why need they insist that everybody else have it? A bad spirit for humans so young!

LOCAL WEDDING.

STANESBY-MASSEY.

The wedding of Miss Frances Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Massey, and Mr. Sydney John Stanesby, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stanesby, took place at St. Joseph's Church this afternoon in the presence of a number of friends.

Dressed in shell-pink marocain and georgette, with lace, and georgette hat to match, and carrying a bouquet of roses, the bride was given away by her father, Mr. J. Massey, who was assisted by Mr. H. J. Talbot, discharged the duties of "best man." The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. Augustine.

The couple later left for Repulse Bay for their honeymoon, the bride's going away dress being of figured georgette.

VOLUNTEERS V. PICKETS.

FIGHT AT TAMSHUI.

The Merchant Volunteers Corps at Tamshui, in the Tungkong district, several days ago had a fight with strike pickets stationed there and badly worsted them.

The head of the pickets was left dead on the field of battle, and several other Union men were badly wounded. Several pickets were taken prisoner by the Merchant Volunteers.

The strikers claim that many members of this organisation are really in the employ of an officer who is loyal to Chan Kwing-ming and a request has been made that soldiers be sent to the district to put down the Volunteers.

TRAFFIC OFFENCE.

C. S. P. OBSTRUCTED BY BARRELS.

Barrels rolling across the roadway at Praya East yesterday morning held up traffic and the Captain Superintendent of Police (who was in his car) with the consequence that to-day there was heard before Mr. R. E. Lindell a summons against the Kwong Sang Hong Perfumery Co. for obstruction.

A representative of the Kwong Sang Hong pleaded that the barrels were sufficiently light to permit of their being rolled along, instead of being carried, which latter process would have entailed the employment of two coolies for each barrel. His worship said that the company should have been mindful of the traffic along the roadway, and imposed a fine of \$5.

KWANGSI MINES.

REPORTED APPROVAL OF CONCESSION.

We recently reported that negotiations were in progress for a mining concession in Kwangsi to a German firm to be named the Fook Sing Mining Company, it being stated that the draft agreement was sent to the Canton Government for approval.

It is now reported that the approval has been given, with an alteration that the concession shall be for ten years instead of twenty, as given in the draft agreement, and that the agreement is made in duplicate in both the Chinese and German languages.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.

WOMEN AS MINISTERS.

Rugby, July 20.

The Wesleyan Conference at York to-day accepted the general principle of the admission of women to the ministry, with a provision that on marriage they should resign.—British Wireless.

Arrested by the Hongkew police while in possession of a Mauser pistol and 100 rounds of ammunition, a Japanese named Matsumoto appeared before the Japanese Consular Court to answer a charge of importing arms and ammunition into Shanghai. Inspector MacKenzie conducted the prosecution, and defendant was sentenced to 20 days' imprisonment.

CITY MOTOR ROADS.

INTERESTING OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

By reason of the fact that damage has been caused at certain sections of the usual roads for vehicular traffic, and obstructions by falls and deposits of earth and silt at other points it has been found necessary by the Traffic Office to open up hitherto closed portions of the city to motor traffic. An announcement has been made to the effect that the following streets are temporarily open to traffic:—

The Albany, (between the Upper and Lower Botanical Gardens), Hollywood Road as far as Graham Street (being a continuation of the route from Lower Albert Road, Ice House Street and Arbutnot Road).

Lyndhurst Terrace, Wellington Street (from Pottinger Street to Queen's Road Central).

Ice House Street south of Queen's Road Central, (traffic being permitted to go both ways).

As regards the last-named route,

TELEPATHIST'S OFFER.

To Find Hidden Article.

Professor Maximilian Langner, the psychologist and telepathist, who is to give a demonstration at the City Hall on Tuesday night, has accepted a challenge by the Hongkong Telegraph to demonstrate his powers by discovering any article hidden in the city without he himself being given any clue as to the whereabouts of the hidden article.

Accordingly, an article is, between now and to-morrow evening, to be secreted in the city by a committee of three gentlemen, comprising a representative of the Telegraph, Mr. D. H. Cameron, of the Standard Oil Company, and Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court.

The only condition that Professor Langner makes is that he must personally meet the three gentlemen who are hiding the article before he starts out on his hunt, so as to get into telepathic communication with them. No conversation, however, will be exchanged.

The three gentlemen named will meet the Professor at the offices of the Telegraph at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow, and the latter will immediately leave in quest of the hidden article.

The Committee of three have the choice as to whether they will accompany the Professor or not on his search, but the latter declares that, in any event, he will discover the hidden article.

It is particularly pointed out that the concession applies only to the slope above Queen's Road Central. That section of the street, known as "Brokers' Alley," is closed as heretofore, to motor traffic. A previous report of the opening up of this particular section to motor traffic is therefore erroneous.

Pedder Street between Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central is temporarily closed to traffic.

MOSQUITO NUISANCE.

TIMBER MERCHANT FINED.

Mr. Wong Tong-ki, a well known timber merchant, was charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with failing to comply with a Sanitary Board notice requiring him to abate the breeding of mosquitoes in a number of receptacles on his premises at Nathan Road.

The defendant pleaded that he had emptied the water on receipt of the summons but a subsequent shower had filled the receptacles up again.

Inspector Lockhart said the defendant had allowed water to accumulate in a gold-fish tank and also in a number of saucers which were placed under fancy flower pots in the garden and also inside the house.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

MEDICINE DISPUTE.

PARTNERSHIP POINT RAISED.

After a Chinese medicine firm had changed hands, trouble arose over the question of payment of a bill for Chinese medicines, and the result was an action in the Supreme Court this morning, before the Paine Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, when a claim was made for payment. The plaintiffs were the Yeung Yui Chung medicine firm, of 201, Queen's Road Central, and they claimed against the Sui Cheong Firm, of 41, Wing Lok Street, for the sum of \$299.16 for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks represented the defendant.

In outlining the case, Mr. d'Almada said the plaintiffs acquired the business, which was a very old one and traded all over China and the Malay States. On March 22nd, last an assignment was executed in Mr. Brutton's office when one Yeung Wai-cheung was the vendor of the business. The consideration was \$3,000, but there were subsidiary arrangements entered into. One of the arrangements was that the purchaser was to provide an annuity to the vendor of his life of \$1,200 per Chinese year. There was a further consideration that the plaintiffs in the action should have the right and permission to use the signature of the vendor's father on their medicine labels.

In the particular sale with which they were engaged, the defendants alleged that they had paid the money of Yeung Wai-cheung, and they, (the plaintiffs) said he had no authority to receive it to the knowledge of the defendants.

In the course of the business, the defendants purchased medicine from the plaintiffs by a cash sale to the value of \$664.80, but allowing 55% discount, under an agreement, the total amount was \$299.16. In the usual way of business, the goods and bill were delivered, but when the foki asked for payment, a man endorsed the bill, and he was told to come the following day. When he returned the following day, the endorsement on the bill was erased, and he was told they had entered into a separate arrangement with Yeung Wai-cheung, who was allowing them 60% discount and they had paid the money to him, and obtained a receipt for it with a chop. Yeung Wai-cheung, concluded Mr. d'Almada, had no right to do any business on behalf of the firm.

In reply to Mr. Brooks, witness asserted that he had paid the full amount for the firm and Yeung Wai-cheung never again became a partner.

An accountant in the defendant firm, giving evidence, said when the medicine was delivered, a man endorsed the bill, but witness saw that the price was too high, so he cancelled the endorsement immediately and told the foki to take that stuff back. No-one came to take it back, however. The money was paid to Yeung Wai-cheung at a discount of 60%, and a receipt obtained. He had dealings with the firm for over ten years. After the death of the father he had always dealt with Yeung Wai-cheung, and, as far as witness knew, he was a partner in the business.

Yeung Wai-cheung was called and he declared that he was a partner in the medicine firm and had a \$3,000 share in it.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff with costs.

PHILIPPINE AFFAIRS.

INDEPENDENCE BILL RE-PASSED.

Manila, July 21.

The Senate has unanimously re-passed the Bill ordering a plebiscite on the question of Philippine Independence.

The Bill passed both Houses at the last Session but was vetoed by Governor General Wood. Under the Jones Law, if it is re-passed by both Houses it will override the Wood veto and go to President Coolidge for final approval or disapproval.

Colonel Carmi Thompson is continuing his conferences with Filipinos and Americans. He is beginning his tour on Thursday with a visit to Cullion, thence to North Luzon and afterwards to Visayas and Mindanao.

The impression is growing that Col. Thompson will recommend further Philippine autonomy in return for the removal of restrictions on land-holding investments by American capital.—Router.

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There was a second joker at work in Oxford during the night. Undergraduates of Jesus found a ewer on one of the highest pinnacles of the college this morning. Overnight there had been much jubilation on the conclusion of the bumping races.

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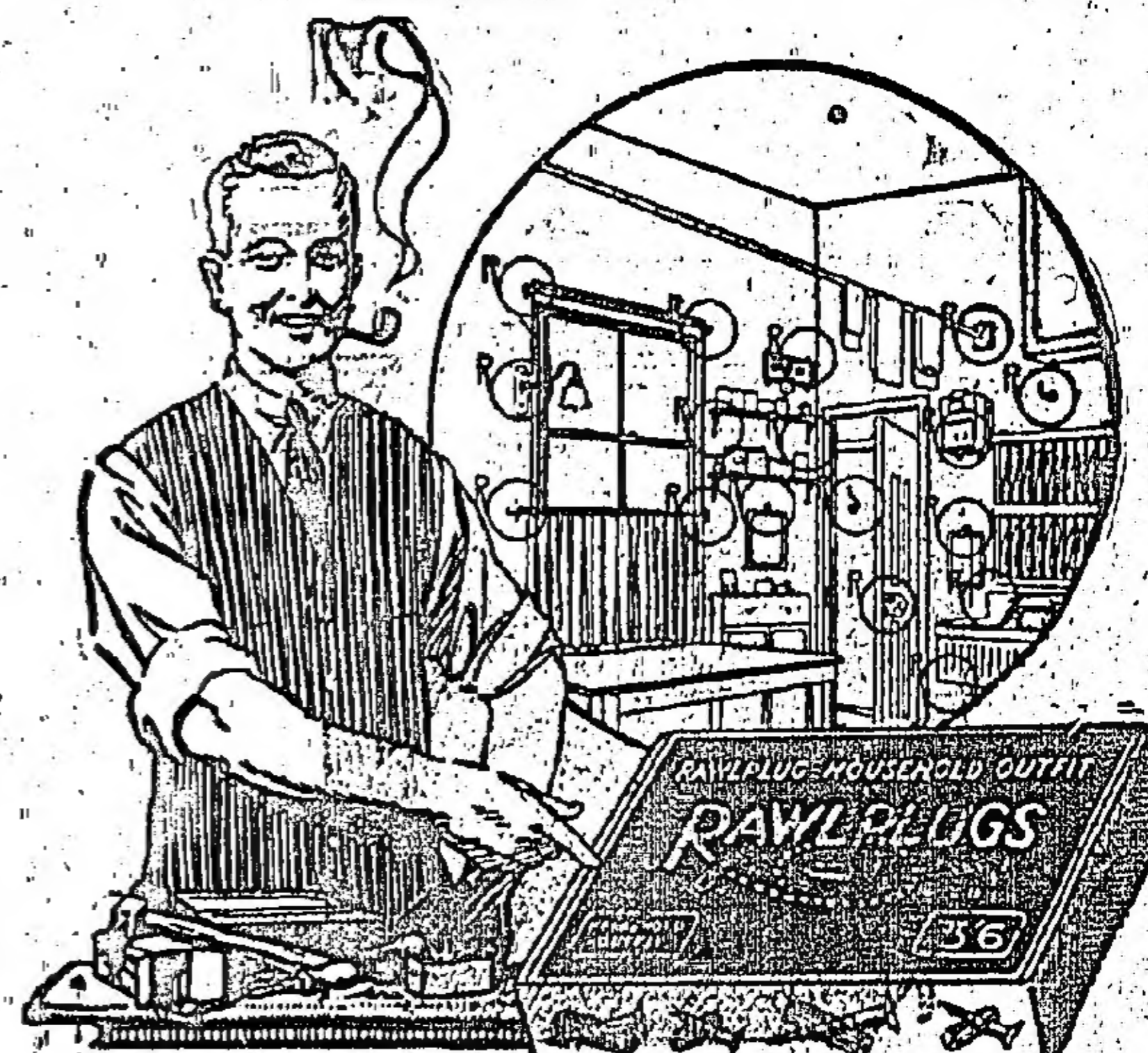
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STRAITS CENSUS.

FIGURES LESS THAN EXPECTED.

The Singapore Municipality has just taken a census within the limits of the town, and if the figures are to be relied on, Singapore has not been growing as rapidly as some people thought. The population was found to number 373,525, which is only 25,000 more than in 1921 and 33,000 less than the municipal working estimate of population.

It has been suggested, so frequently (says the *Telegraph* correspondent) that the census would reveal a startling increase of population that the result is somewhat disappointing. The figure does not represent the total population of Singapore island. There is a big area outside municipal limits which would probably account for about 100,000 more people, but, as is the way with officialdom, the municipal census concerned itself with municipal territory only, and for the population of the island we still have to rely on the 1921 figures.

AMAZING RESULT.

The result is amazing in consideration of the fact that during the six months of this year which have elapsed there has been a very big influx of labourers from South China, this following a year in which immigration was much above the average. The trouble conditions in China have accounted for this more than usually large flow of labour to Malayan shores, though the country has always had its attraction for the people of South China, who find conditions here easy and the money much better than in their own country.

A good deal of this labour, on course, is spread over Malaya, on tin mines and in other large industries, but a lot remains in Singapore, and it is inexcusable that the census figures show only a comparatively trifling increase over five years.

ACCURACY IMPOSSIBLE.

The popularly accepted explanation is that, however carefully the census was taken, it inevitably presents an inexact record of the population of such a town as this. No census officer could possibly hope to get a correct return of those hives of humanity the lodging houses in Chinatown. What with the natural ignorance of the people concerned and their suspicion of officials, it is obvious that no return would show anything like the complete figures.

Consequently it has been suggested in the local press that a census on generally accepted lines is almost bound to be a failure, and some system of registration would answer the purpose better. Registration would also provide a much needed check on the thousands of coolies, many of them with bad record behind them, who flock into the country every month. At present there is absolutely no check on these men. They easily obtain admission into the country, and once in there is no check on where go or what they do. Often men who have committed serious crimes and been banished find their way back, and only occasionally are they discovered.

BAD CHARACTERS.

The result is that the country has many bad characters. Gang robbery, terrorism and violence always exist in a more or less virulent form, and although at the present moment it is not so bad as it was a year or two ago there is no knowing when it may break out again as violently as ever. Robber gangs as powerful and well organized as any in China itself have existed in this country, levying toll on the community and, it is said, forcing the rich Chinese to buy immunity from interference by the payment of large sums.

Gunmen are common in Singapore. The other day one was caught by two Chinese detectives, and a brisk revolver duel ensued in the street. Finally the gunman, his ammunition exhausted, fired his last shot into his brain.

Since then the streets of Singapore's Chinatown are nightly patrolled by police armed with rifles. Policemen so armed stand in couples at every street corner, presenting to the visitor the appearance of serious trouble being expected.

REGISTRATION IDEA.

It is too much to expect now that all the "bad hats" in the country can be rounded up, but it would be possible, by some system of registration, to prevent more of

THE JAPANESE RIOTS.

NAGANO EXCITEMENT CONTINUES.

Tokyo, July 20.

Vernacular despatches from Nagano state that mobs continue threatening the authorities.

Virtually all the police stations are surrounded, and the police are unable to make arrests. The Government fears to use troops, but heavy reinforcements of police are reported to be en route after which it is expected numerous arrests of leaders will be effected.

It is reported that prominent members of the Prefectural Assembly are among the rioters. It is understood that the entire district is in a state of confusion, and the populace is greatly excited.—*Reuter.*

PAINFUL TRAGEDY.

EUROPEAN FOUND SHOT.

The Naval Yard was the scene of a painful tragedy yesterday afternoon, during the tiffin hour, when Mr. W. Blakey, an overseer there, was found lying shot near his office.

It appears that stores were being examined, and some old ammunition was being turned out when Mr. Blakey quietly went outside the building where the work was being done. Almost at once a report was heard, and his workmates found him lying on the ground with a revolver nearby. This was shortly after tiffin. He apparently died instantly, and the body was removed to the mortuary.

Deceased had not been long in the Colony. He arrived here early in May, coming from Portsmouth. After being here a short while he developed neurasthenia, and went to the Naval Hospital for a few weeks. He recently came out of hospital and had been back at work a few days.

He was a man of about 40 years of age, single, and leaves a widowed mother in England.

OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN J. M. ANDERSON.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Captain J. M. Anderson at sea, on board the s.s. *Chipshing*.

The information was conveyed in a message from the s.s. *Chipshing* to Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company, Captain Anderson holding on appointment in that vessel as second officer, sailing hence for Shanghai and Tientsin on Saturday.

It will be remembered that Captain Anderson was the plaintiff in the case against the *Man Wing S.S. Company* on the point of dismissal at 24 hours' notice, the award being made in favour of the company.

CRIMINAL FORCE.

A SINGAPORE POLICE OFFICIAL FINED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, July 20.

The Inspector General of Police, Mr. Fairburn, has been fined \$20 on a charge of using criminal force, by whipping a telegraph messenger because he was noisy. Defendant pleaded provocation, but the Magistrate found none.

them finding the ready access to the country which they do at present.

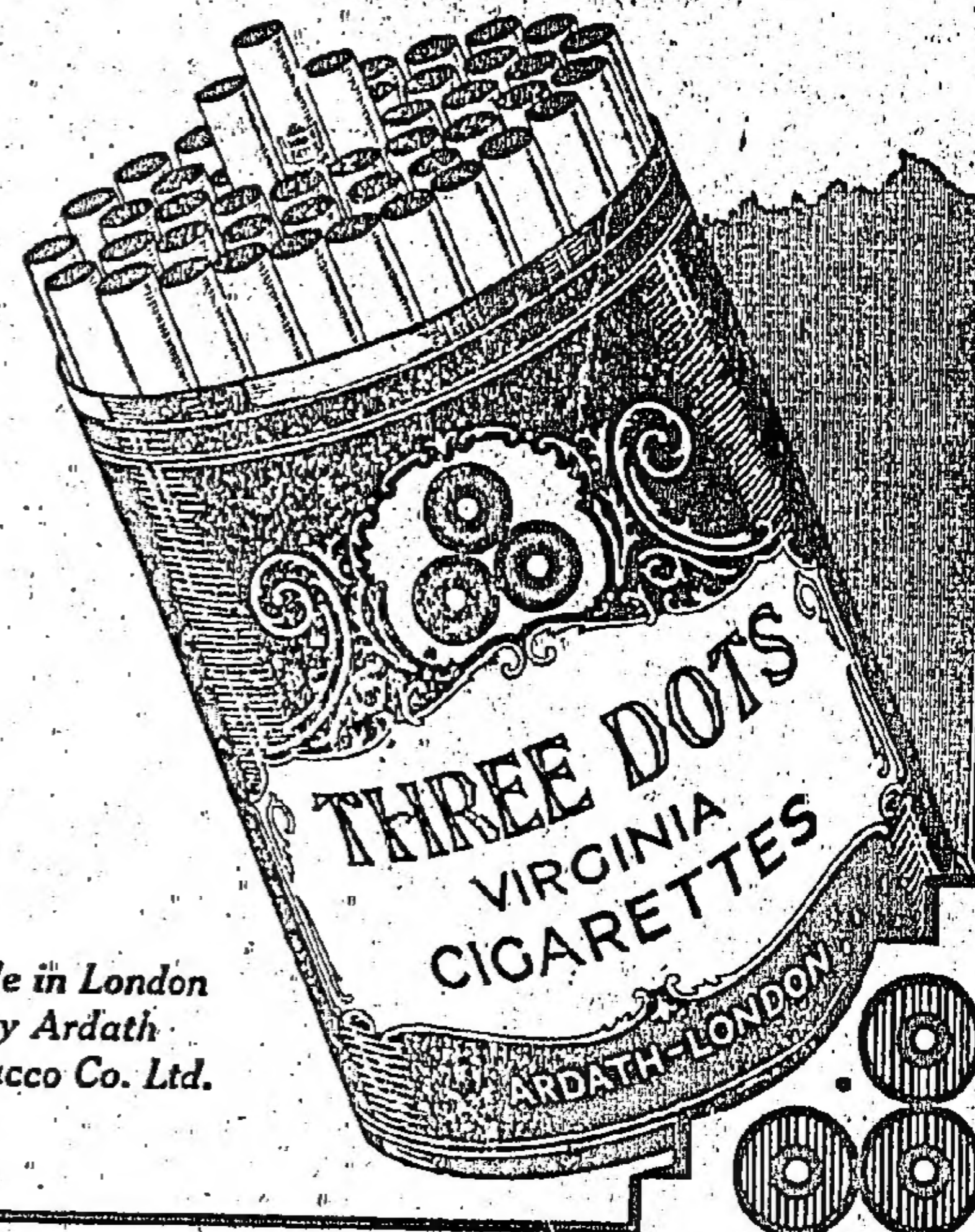
Reform has often been urged, but it is hard to change the East, and the view of the Government seems to be that any reform would cause too great a disturbance of things as they are. The country has gone on well, and lawlessness, it is thought apparently, has been kept reasonably in check. Still the spread of the secret society menace, armed robberies and murders show that things are by no means as they ought to be. The law-abiding Chinese, who form the majority of Singapore's population, would welcome some indication on the part of the Government to take this matter of lawlessness in hand much more firmly than has been done in the past.

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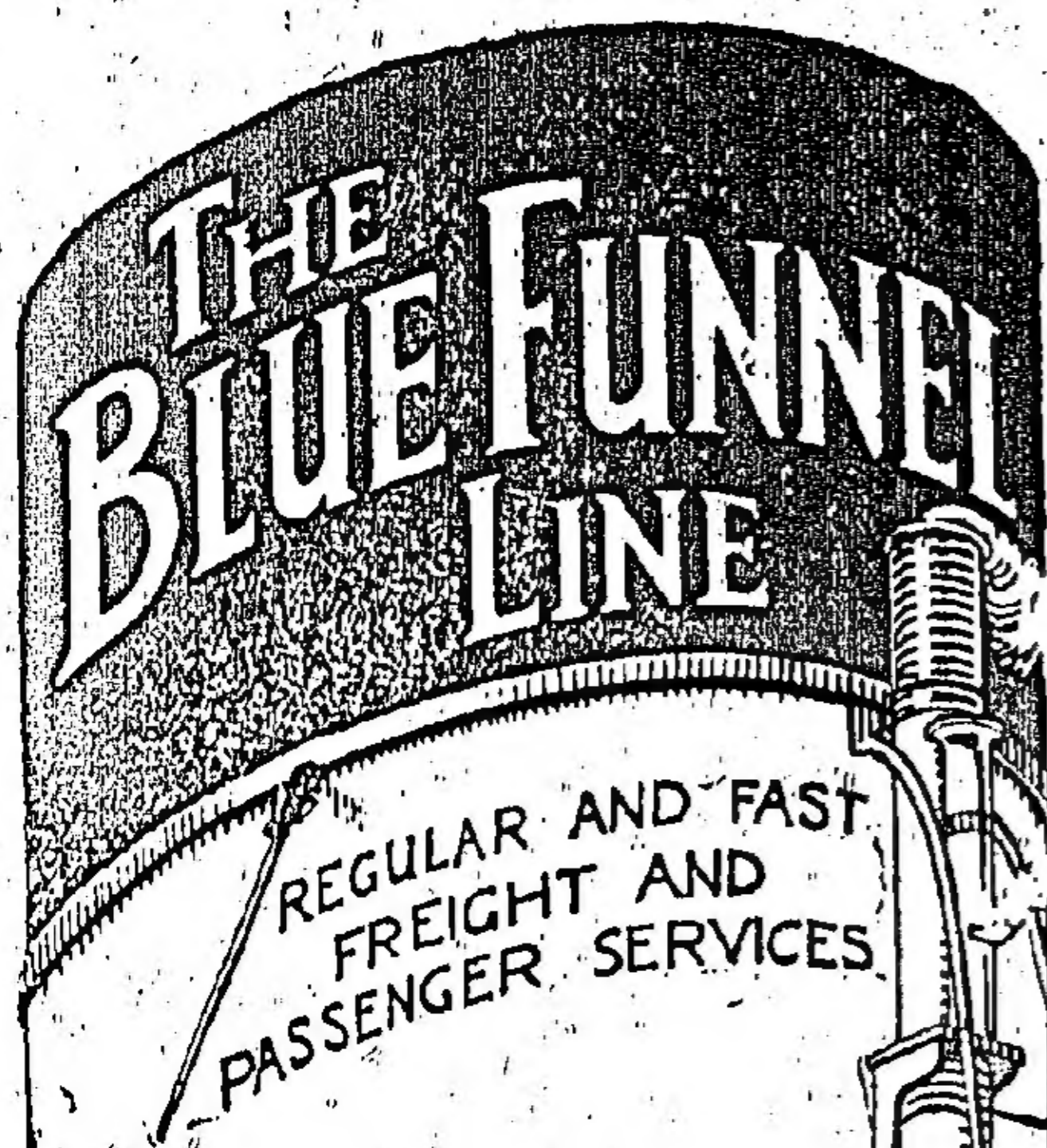
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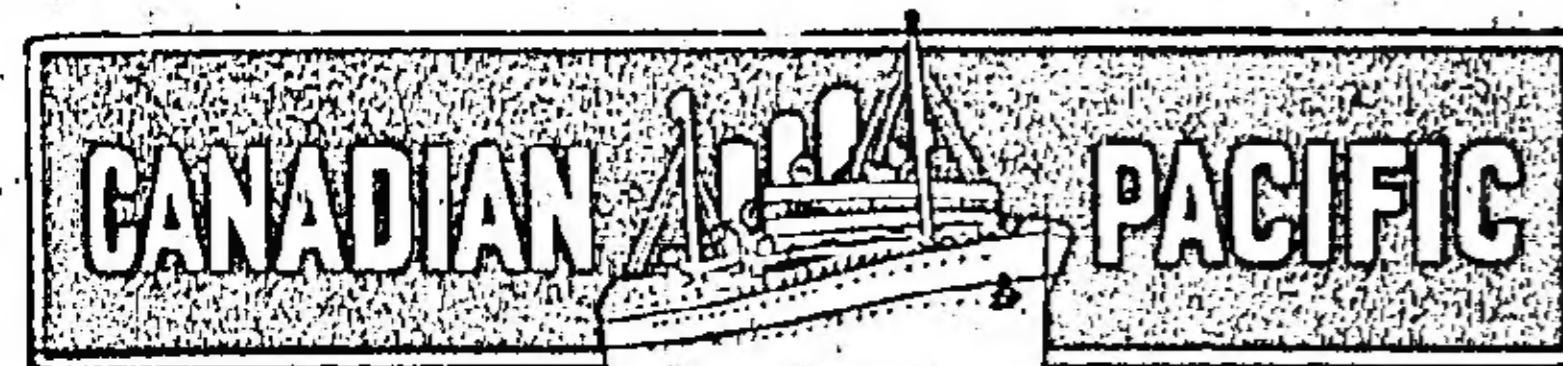
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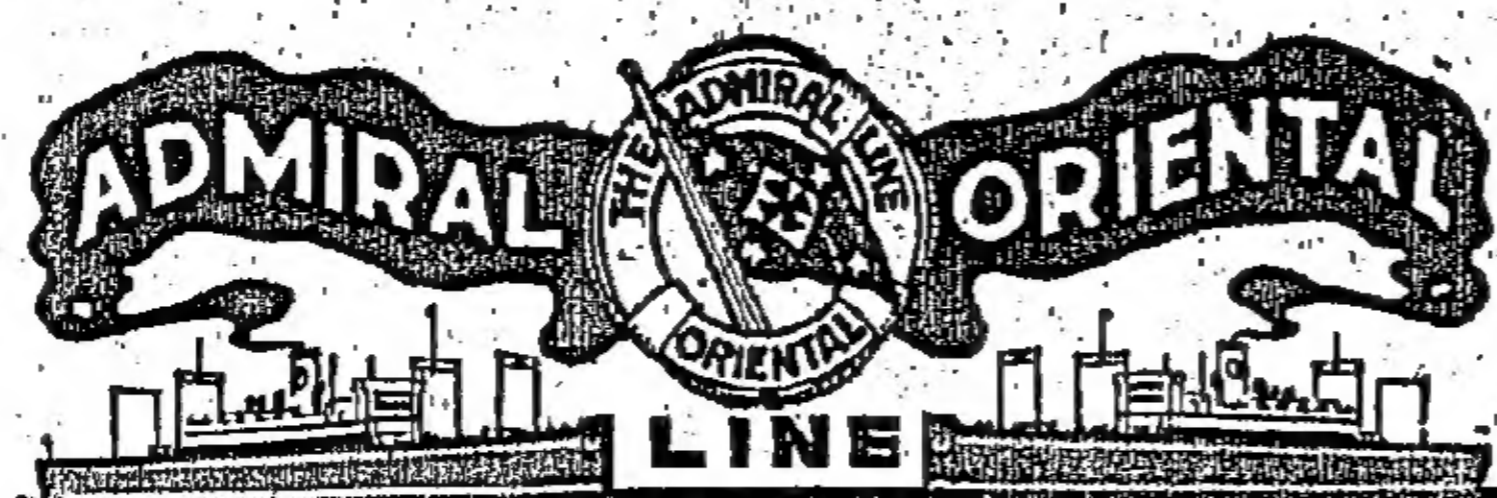
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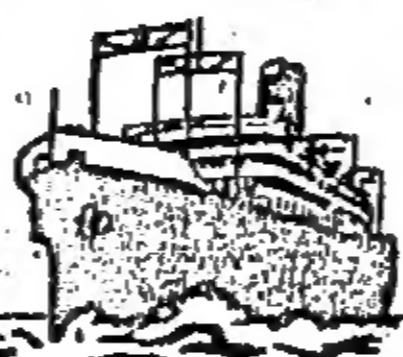
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SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Fri. 23rd July at 2 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Mingsang	Sat. 24th July at 8 a.m.
MANILA Cebu & Hoilo	Yuenang	Satur. 24th July at noon.
SHANGHAI	Foosang	Sun. 25th July at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via Shanghai	Hopsang	Wed. 28th July at noon.
KOBE via Shanghai Yokohama	Kumsang	Thurs. 29th July at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG	Leosang	Thurs. 29th July at 8 a.m.
TIENTSIN	Cheongsang	Thurs. 29th July at noon.
KOBE via Moji	Fooksang	Sun. 1st Aug at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Hosang	Tues. 3rd Aug at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU via Shanghai	Kwongsang	Wed. 4th Aug at noon.
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PROPERTY SALE.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

There was an unusually large attendance at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, when property in nine lots was put up for sale by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa. The lots, all situated in Hok On, numbered four, but when Lot 3 failed to elicit a bid, it was subdivided and put up again in six sections, all of which were disposed of.

Lot 1 consisted of the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 1285, together with the buildings thereon now known as No. 8, Staunton Street, and opening at \$15,000 with bids of \$500 acceptable, was bought by Mr. Ma Chi Long for \$20,900.

Lot 2 consisting of Section C of Inland Lot No. 1968 together with the buildings thereon now known as No. 3 Tai On Terrace, opened at \$6,000 with bids of \$200 acceptable and was purchased by the same gentleman for \$13,000.

Lot 3 (a) consisting of Section F of Inland Lot No. 370 together with the buildings thereon now known as Nos. 2 and 3 Circular Pathway and Nos. 9 and 10 Tsui On Lane, opened at \$5,000 with bids of \$300 acceptable and was purchased by the Hongkong and Kowloon Land and Loan Company for \$9,900.

Lot 3 (b) consisting of Section G of Inland Lot No. 370 together with the buildings thereon now known as No. 5 Circular Pathway and No. 7 Tsui On Lane, opened at \$5,000 with bids of \$300 acceptable and was purchased by the same company for \$7,800.

Lot 3 (c) consisting of Subsection No. 2 of Section C of Inland Lot No. 9A together with the buildings thereon now known as No. 10 Circular Pathway and No. 2 Tsui On Lane, opened at \$5,000 with bids of \$300 acceptable and was disposed of to Mr. Chan Shun for \$13,300.

Lot 3 (d), (e) and (f) consisting respectively of the Remaining Portion of Section C of Inland Lot No. 9A and Subsection No. 1 of Section A of Inland Lot No. 9A together with the buildings respectively thereon now known as No. 3 Tsui On Lane and No. 9 Circular Pathway, Subsection 2 of Section A of Inland Lot No. 9A and Section 1 of Inland Lot No. 370 together with the buildings respectively thereon now known as No. 4 Tsui On Lane and No. 8 Circular Pathway, and Subsections 3 and 4 of Section A of Inland Lot No. 9A, Section H of Inland Lot No. 370 together with the buildings respectively thereon now known as No. 5 Circular Pathway, all opened at \$5,000 with bids of \$300 acceptable and were bought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Land and Loan Company for the sums of \$8,900, \$9,800 and \$7,100.

Lot 4 consisting of Subsection No. 1 of Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1463 together with the buildings thereon now known as No. 174 Kowloon City Road, was bought by the Chuen On Fire Insurance Company Ltd., with one bid of \$100 above the opening price of \$3,000.

ASSAULT PROVED.

CONVICTIONS IN HAPPY VALLEY CASE.

Accepting the evidence of the complainants as substantially true, Mr. R. E. Lindsell convicted the two defendants in the Happy Valley assault case, yesterday.

A. H. Hartreem, 11 Taiwong street, Wanchai, and Hajee Mohamed Ismail, 13 Sharpe street were each fined \$25, or 14 days in default, and bound in a personal bond of \$50 and a security of \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months.

The charge was one of assault against two Chinese ladies. At a previous hearing, Mr. Somerset Filzroy, appearing for the two complainants, said the charge was one of indecent assault but he did not think he could press that charge.

Pushed Girls Aside.

At the hearing, the two complainants said the defendants, who were on cycles, caught hold of them as they passed.

Giving evidence yesterday, Ismail said he travelled fairly quickly down the path from Wongneichong Road, and saw two girls in front of him. In order to avoid a collision he pushed one of the girls aside and nearly fell off his machine in doing so. He merely reached out his arm to move the girl to one side. He was the leading cyclist, but complainants were wrong when they said there were three of them.

Witness said he continued along the path to the Civil Service Club and then went back to find the third cyclist, Gomes, who had been some distance behind. Witness said he never heard the girls shout.

Malicious Proceedings?

When he took his machine back to the bicycle shop witness said he waited there about twenty minutes for Gomes. The dealer told him to go and look for him, and as he did so he met the brother of one of the complainants who told him that another cyclist had been arrested.

"He went to the police station and found that the man had not been detained. He again returned to the cycle shop, but did not alter the book, and subsequently was taken to the police station himself."

At this point Mr. O'Donoghue, representing Ismail, said he was instructed that the proceedings were being taken more or less maliciously. The defence did not deny that the man was there. They denied the assault.

Witness also stated he had had a quarrel with a brother of one of the complainants.

Indication of Animosity.

The youth Gomes also gave evidence, and said he cycled some distance behind the other two. He did not see or hear anything unusual on the path. He wrote the name "F. Kelly" in the cycle hire book, as it was his nickname. He also wrote his correct name and address and told the shop foki that he would pay for the damage done to his bicycle when

DESPERADOES.

AMAZING AFFAIR AT TIENTSIN.

Tientsin, July 19.—Amazing scenes occurred in the early hours of this morning, when an armed gang shot down a number of police in the British and Japanese concessions. Among those seriously injured are Asst. Inspector Kellacher of the British police.

It appears that a policeman on duty at the Meadows-Racetrack Road corner stopped a rickshaw containing a Chinese carrying a suspicious bundle. Examined at the police station this was found to contain revolvers and ammunition. Acting on information given by the arrested man, Inspector Kellacher organised a raiding party numbering about a dozen, who entered a house, in the London Road district, where they were met by a fusillade from guns by some half a dozen heavily armed ruffians.

Inspector Kellacher fell, pierced by three bullets in the body, while a Chinese corporal was also shot down, whereafter the gang broke through the cordon and cleared away, apparently escaping into the Japanese Concession.

At about 2 a.m. a Chinese policeman in the Japanese Concession called on two suspicious characters to stop, whereupon he was shot down. Two more police coming in response to his whistle were also shot down terribly wounded.

The Japanese Police authorities took the strongest precautions and the concessions were literally encircled with police, but the ruffians got clear, it is thought into the Chinese City.

Later. Inspector Kellacher died of his wounds early this morning.—*Reuter.*

TARIFF DISCUSSION.

TO BE RESUMED.

Peking, July 20.—The Acting Foreign Minister has invited the foreign delegations to meet Chinese delegates (who were appointed by mandate on July 15) informally, to discuss the continuation of the Tariff Revision Conference on July 23.—*Reuter.*

he was pulled off by the brother of one of the complainants.

He crossed out Hartreem's name so that he should not be held responsible for the damage to witness's cycle.

The second defendant gave evidence similar to that of Ismail. Mr. Hind, representing Hartreem, said that at one time a charge of indecent assault was made then withdrawn and he thought that was an indication of animosity between the parties. There had evidently been bad blood between them.

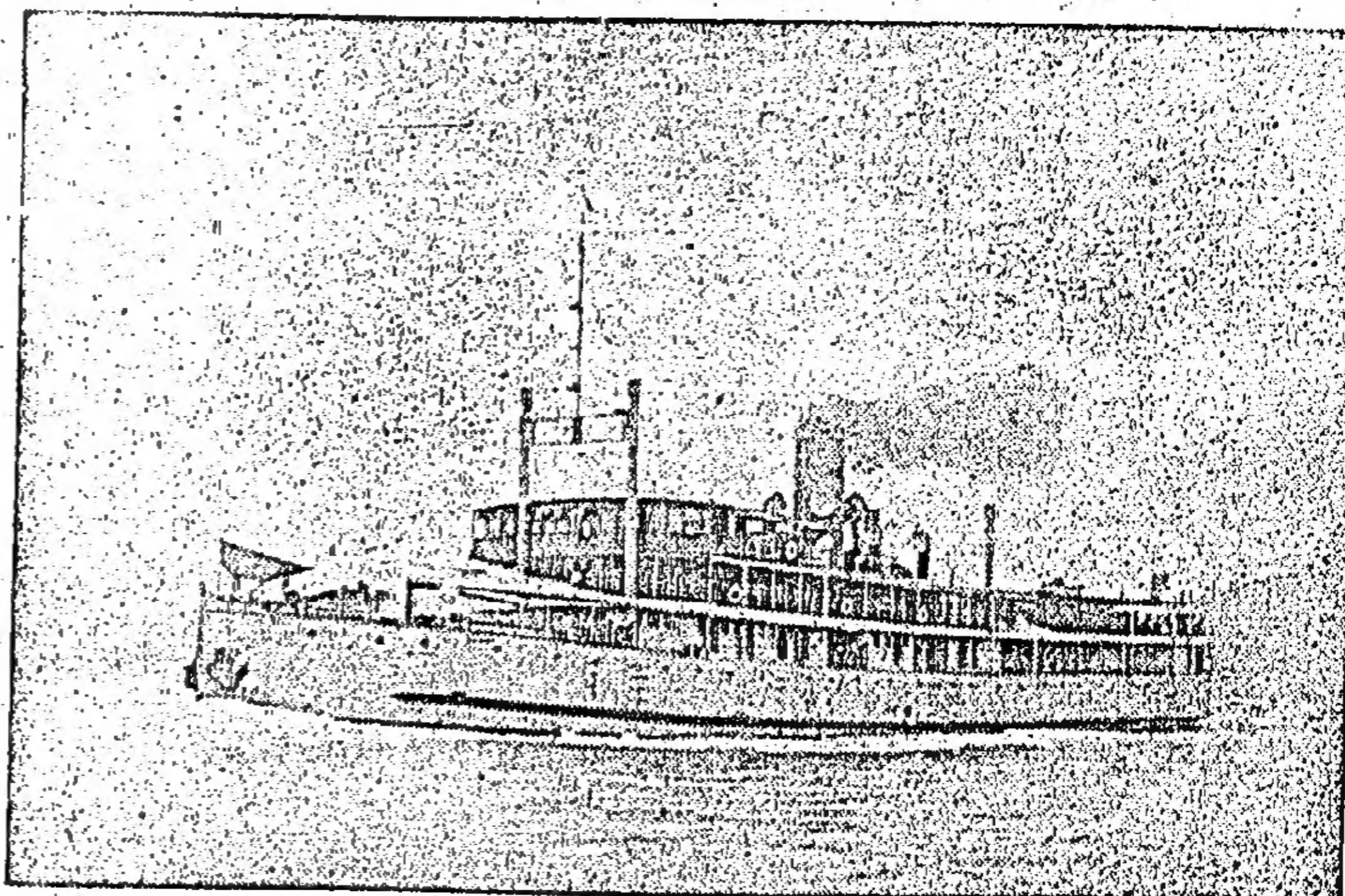
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KALYAN	9,144	4th Sept.	M'los, London & Antwerp
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KALYAN	9,144	5th Aug.	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	6th Aug.	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
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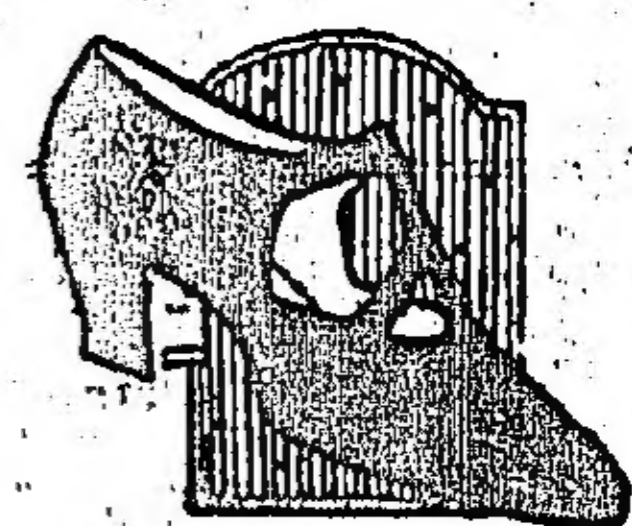
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tion to film-goers of the serious
kind has been promised a little
later. The "literal translation of
this is "Thought-Sport", puzzle
pictures easy to solve, to which
an answer will be provided "in the
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YARN MARKET.**DEMAND FROM CONSUMING CENTRES.**

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, in their yarn circular, state: Since our last report of the 21st, June, much activity has continued in our yarn market, due to good inquiries from consuming centres, which has resulted in substantially large sales both in "spot and to arrive" at an advance of \$2 to \$5 per bale. Further demand from Yunnan has kept our market firm with an improving tendency.

Bombay:—The rates in Bombay have also strengthened on account of Bombay Mills being reported to have done fairly large forward business up to September and latest quotations show higher prices than those ruling in our market. Total Sales, 4,500 bales; unsold stock, 3,000 bales; Bargains in Chinese hands, both spot and to arrive, 6,500 bales.

Shanghai:—Reports a marked improvement in prices all round with better demand and a healthier tone for near future.

Japanese Yarn:—A sudden big rise has scared buyers to make further purchases, while they are getting rid of their previous cheap holdings at the present advanced rates.

Raw Cotton:—No Stock Quotations:—Bengal \$35 to \$40 per picul; Chinese \$40 to \$45 per picul.

ROOF RESCUES.**YOUTH AND GIRL CRAWL ALONG NARROW LEDGE.**

Crowds of City workers on their way to lunch the other day saw thrilling rescues from a fire which broke out in a four-storey building in Gray's Inn-road, a few yards from Holborn.

They saw a girl clerk and a youth crawling to safety along a ledge 70 feet from the ground. Passers-by were alarmed to see smoke and flame suddenly pour out of the building, the upper part of which is used as offices. Almost before the alarm could be given flames were darting from the three upper storeys.

Twenty-five engines were quickly in the street, and attacked the outbreak from three sides, bringing water towers into play.

Near Block of Flats.
Close at hand is a large block of working-class flats accommodating more than 100 families, and for a time many of the residents were apprehensive that their little homes were in peril. They were quickly assured by men of the Salvage Corps.

At least 12 men and women employees of a typewriter firm which has offices in the building were cut off from safety for a time, and in some cases had lucky escapes.

Miss Frances Cupit, of West Dulwich, who was on the top floor, probably owes her life to the calm courage of an 18-year-old messenger, Tom Lee. He had called with some goods, and was in the office when the cry of "Fire" was heard.

"It was quite impossible to escape downstairs through the smoke," Miss Cupit told a representative of *The Daily Chronicle*, so the lad realised we would have to get out by way of the window and the parapet.

Helped on to Roof.
"He helped me out of the window, and then getting out himself, helped me to crawl along the narrow ledge and then over the roof. This brought us to the faillight of the building next door, and we were safe."

Mr. A. T. Rayner was in his office on the third floor when the alarm was given. He found it impossible to escape by the stairs, and had to make his way to safety along an eight-inch ledge.

"As I moved along the ledge, holding on to the wall as best I could," he said, "I saw a man leaning out of the window on the other side of the fire. I shouted to him to get out on to the ledge, but he only leant further out of the window."

"Luckily, the flames were blowing the other way, and I was told that soon afterwards he was helped down a fire-escape to the street."

In another office in the building were about 40 people in a waiting-room. Several of them were women, and when the alarm was given there were distressing scenes. Fortunately, a panic rush was averted, and all were got into the street without mishap. The fire was got under control in a little over an hour, the only casualties being a young woman and a boy, who were slightly scorched and bruised.

HYDE PARK DANCING PAGEANT.

The League of Arts gave a Pageant of Dancing in Hyde Park, the scene being the natural amphitheatre north of the Serpentine, close to the boathouses.

Photo:—Baby Betty Winn, the youngest dancer, giving an exhibition with another dancer.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.**NOTICE.**

Wireless Service between Hongkong and Canton resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Date
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Wilson	July 22
Straits	Taipei	July 22
Europe via Suez (Letters & papers, London 24th June and parcels 17th June)	Macedonia	July 22

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date
Haiphong	New Mathilde, Wed, July 21, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow	Haiphong, Thurs, July 22, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver, E.C.	Emp. of Russia, Thurs, July 22, 9 a.m.
	Parcels, 9.15 a.m.
	Registration, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters, 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver, E.C. 9th August)
Straits and Calcutta	Lai Sang, Thurs, July 22, Noon
	Parcels, 1 p.m.
	Letters, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Soochow, Thurs, July 22, 1.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Lai Sang, Thurs, July 22, Noon
	Parcels, 1 p.m.
	Letters, 1.30 p.m.
Straits	Van Overstraten, Thurs, July 22, 11 a.m.
Amoy	Kalgan, Thurs, July 22, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Macedonia, Fri, July 23, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday 4th August	Tai Ping, Fri, July 23, Registrations, 9.40 a.m. Letters, 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius E. and S. Africa	Kashmir	Fri, July 23, 10 a.m.
Shanghai	Linnai	Fri, July 23, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Parcels	22nd 5 p.m.
	Tai Ping	Fri, July 23, Registrations, 9.40 a.m. Letters, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 4th August)	
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri, July 23, 12.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Wilson	Fri, July 23, 1.30 p.m.
Weihaiwei	Kueichow	Fri, July 23, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Mingsang	Fri, July 23, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Parcels	23rd, 5 p.m.
	Ranpura	Sat, July 24, Registrations, 9.40 a.m. Letters, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th August)	
Manila	Yuenang	Sat, July 24, 10 a.m.

Shanghai	Suiyang	Sat, July 24, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Szechuen	Mon, July 26, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Kiangchow	Tues, July 27, 4 p.m.
	Leesang	Wed, July 28, 5 p.m.
	Heetor	Wed, July 28, Registrations, 9.40 a.m. Letters, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 25th August)	
	Kwongsang	Wed, July 28, 10.30 a.m.
	Leesang	Wed, July 28, 5 p.m.
	Kumsang	Wed, July 28, 5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

KWANGTUNG FLOOD.**BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS REPORT.**

Water Levels in (English Feet) at 8 a.m.

Place of Observation	Height	W.L. 1917	W.L. 1917	W.L. 1917
West River at Shantung	141.6	0	122.0	—
North River at Tientsin	128.7	0	1.9	—
North River at Tientsin	127.3	-5.0	12.2	110.24
West River at Shantung	125.2	-3	1.6	0.7

TO-DAY

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General Ludendorff's matrimonial affairs continue to attract attention especially in Bavaria. A Munich message declares that it is the General's intention to marry again after his divorce. Frau Dr. Martha von Kemnitz is named as the potential future Frau Ludendorff. She is well known as a woman doctor, a politician, and an author of advanced books on feminine problems. After the revolution Frau von Kemnitz tried to found a purely woman's party; but her effort failed on account of opposition from the "masculine" parties. She became more conservative; and at last joined the Hitler-Ludendorff party. Ludendorff has been counted an opponent of votes for women and of women politicians.

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practise in the Channel off Deal. says the *Daily Chronicle*. Thousands of holiday visitors thronged the beach and parade to see the launching of the lifeboat and the of the President of the United States was drunk at noon. A men. On returning, Lord Allenby expressed his keen appreciation at the afternoon on the Golf Course, having had an opportunity of to the action of a number of Chinese boys who threw mud and stones at the players. One man was badly cut on the head by a stone which "felled" him to the ground.